

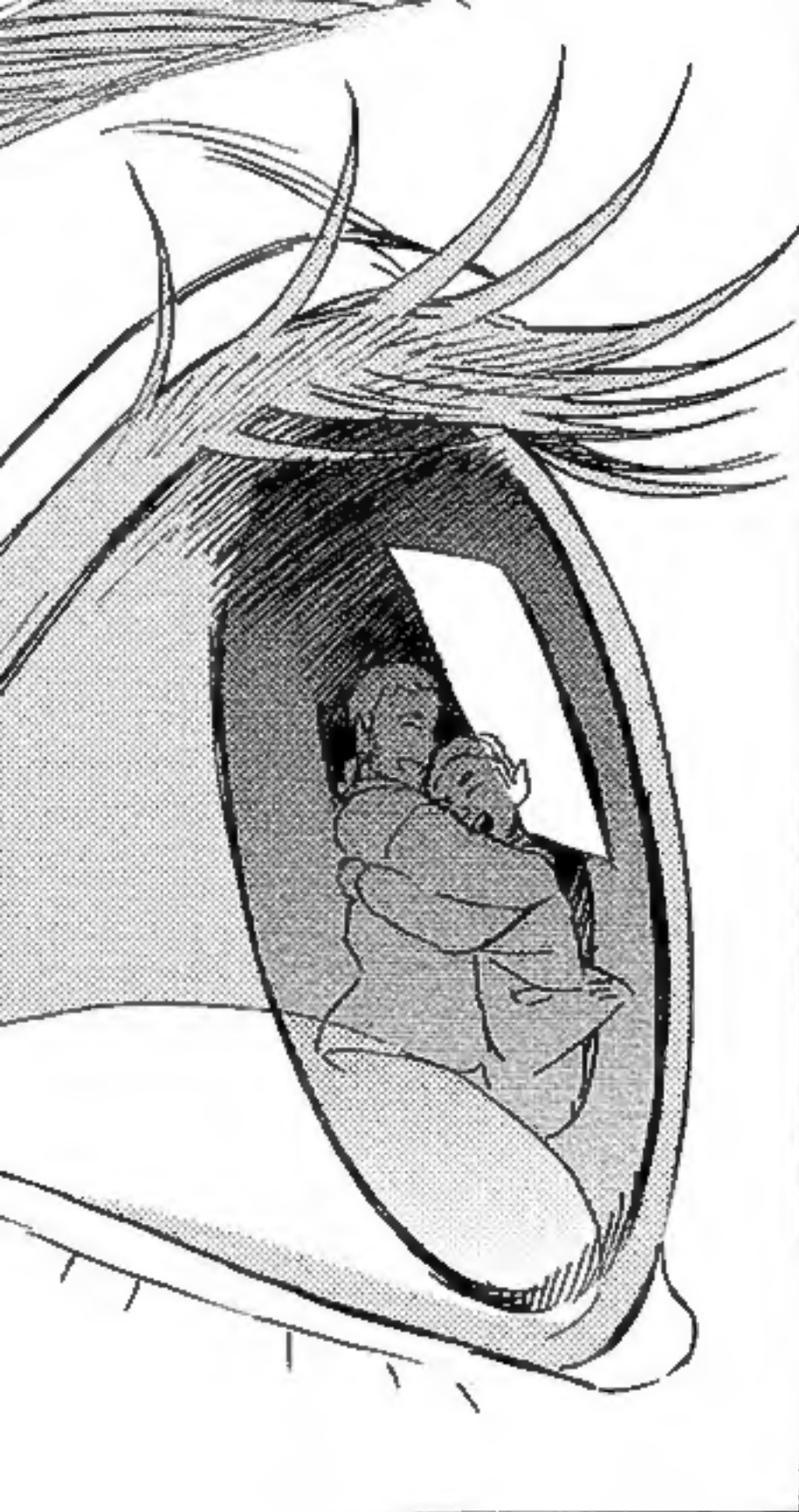
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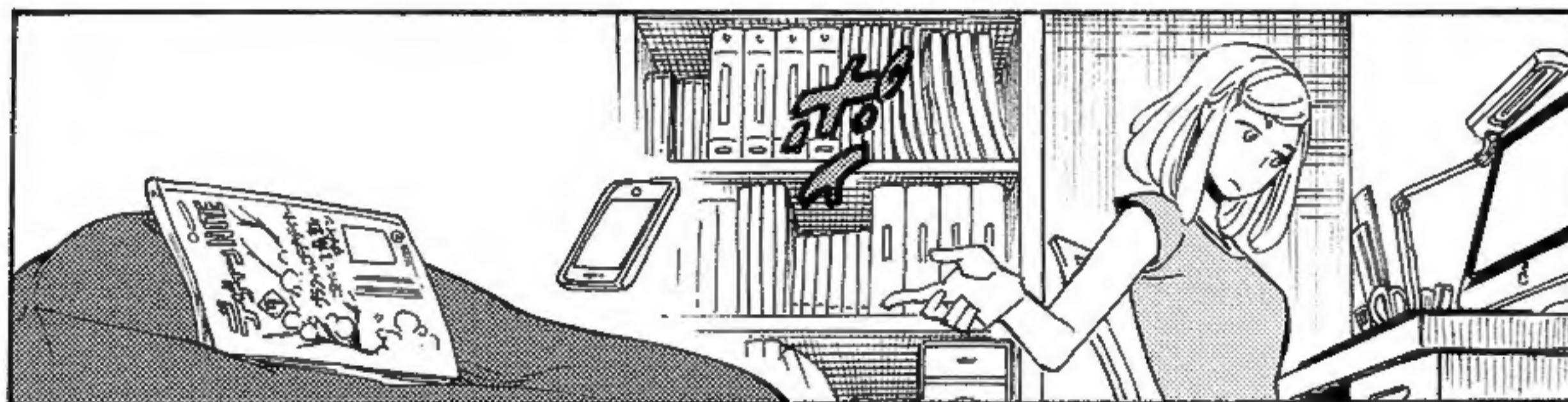
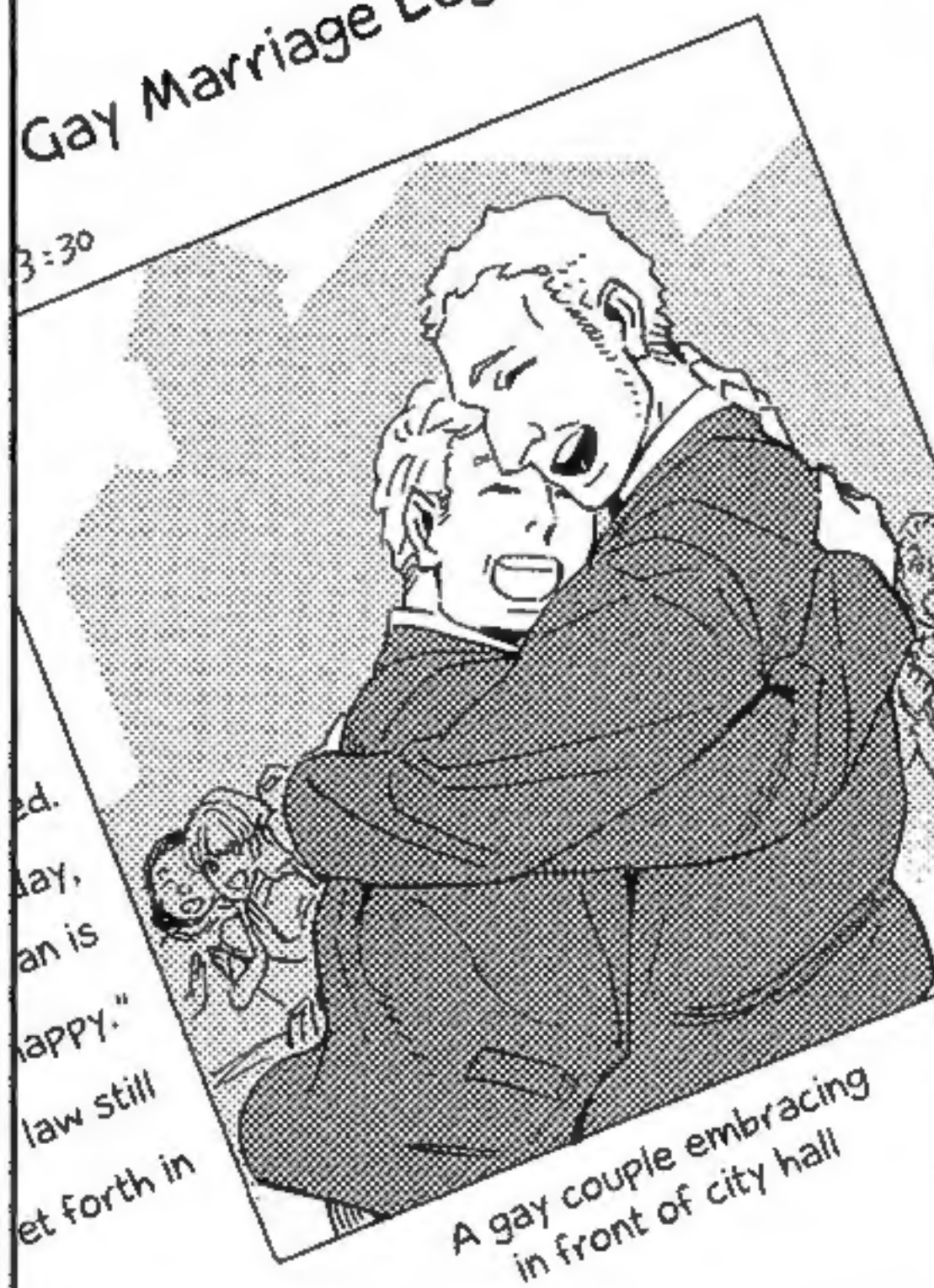




Gay Marriage Legalized

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ed.
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happy."
law still
et forth in



YOU'RE
LUCKY...

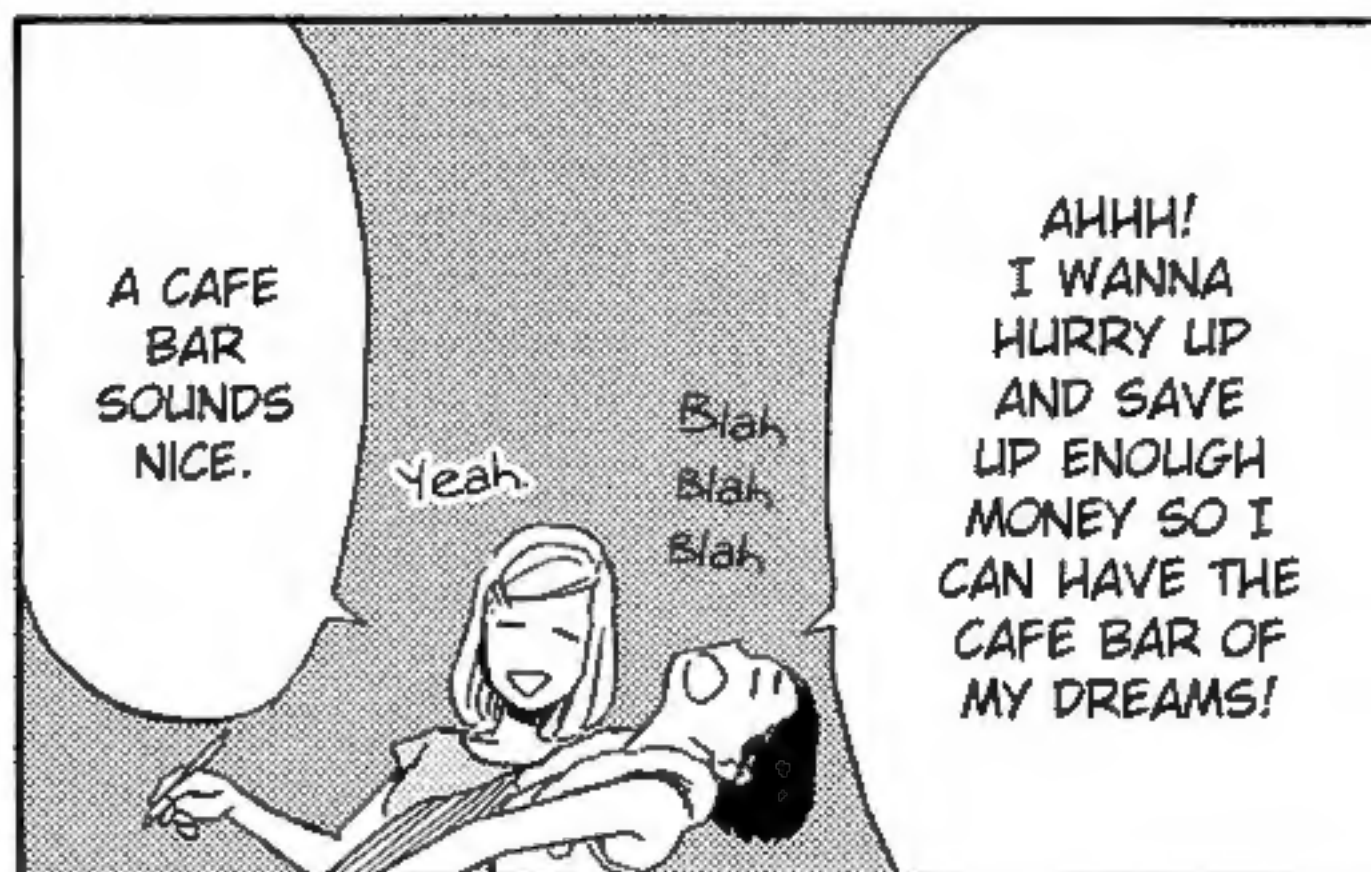
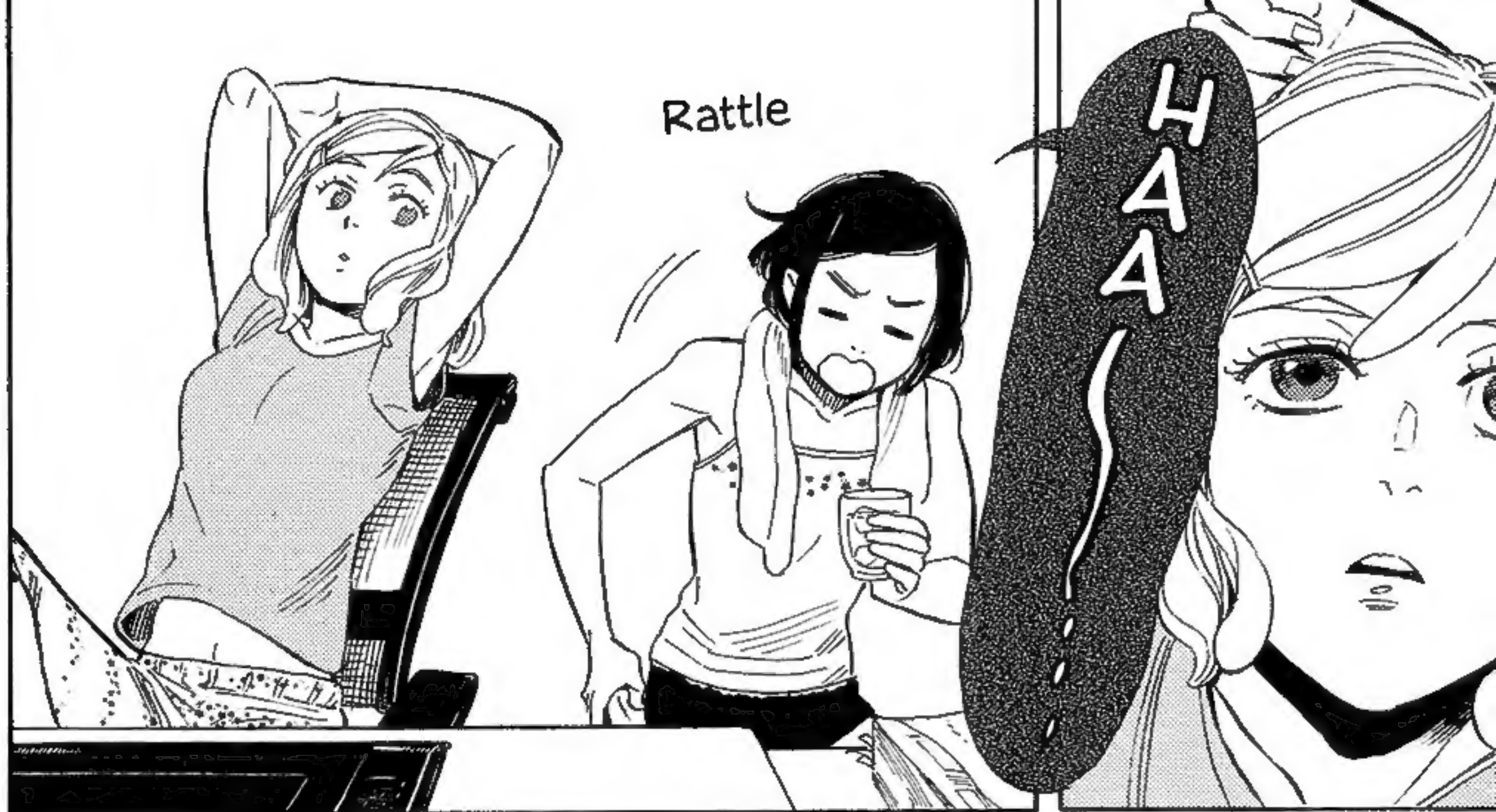


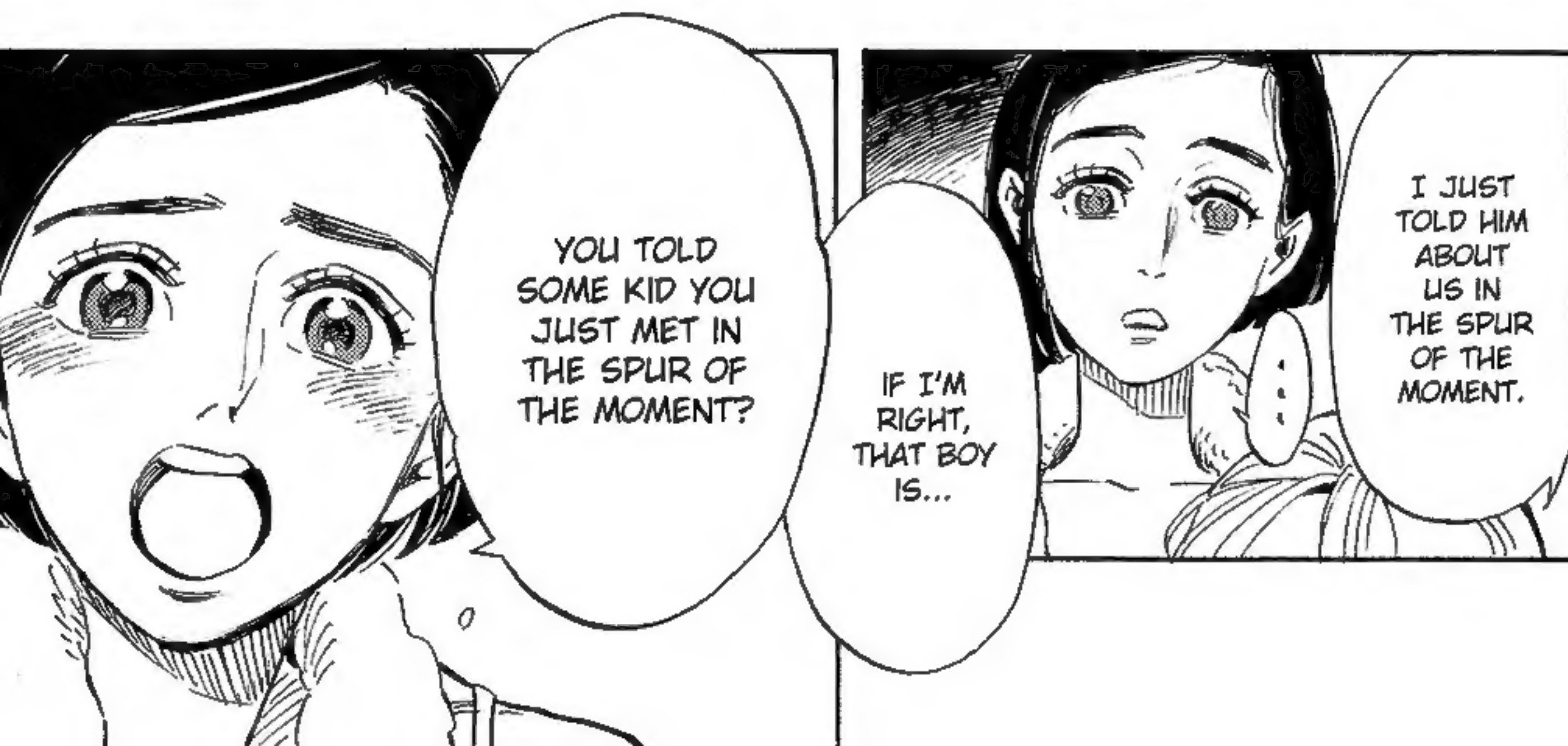
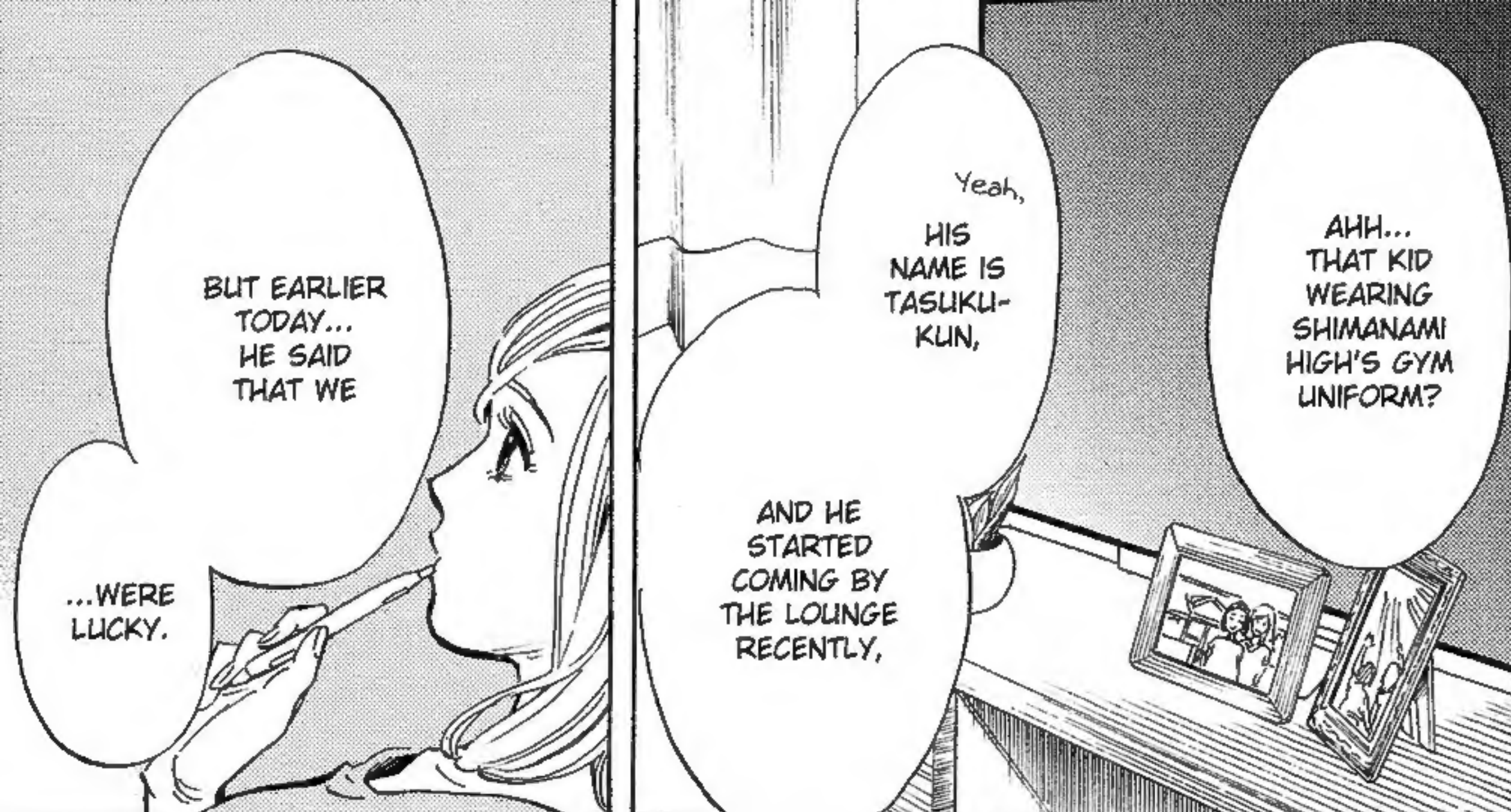
WELL...

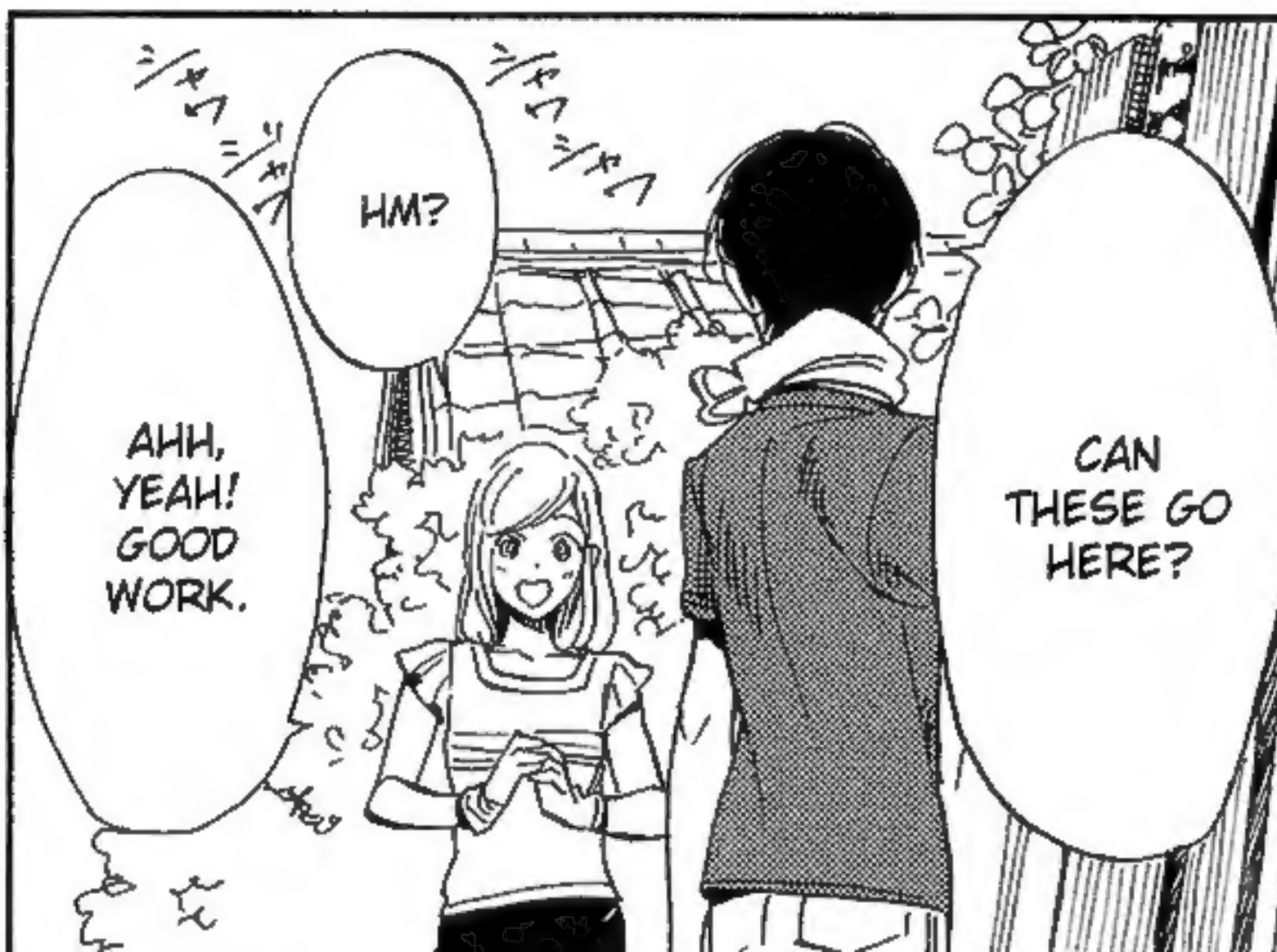
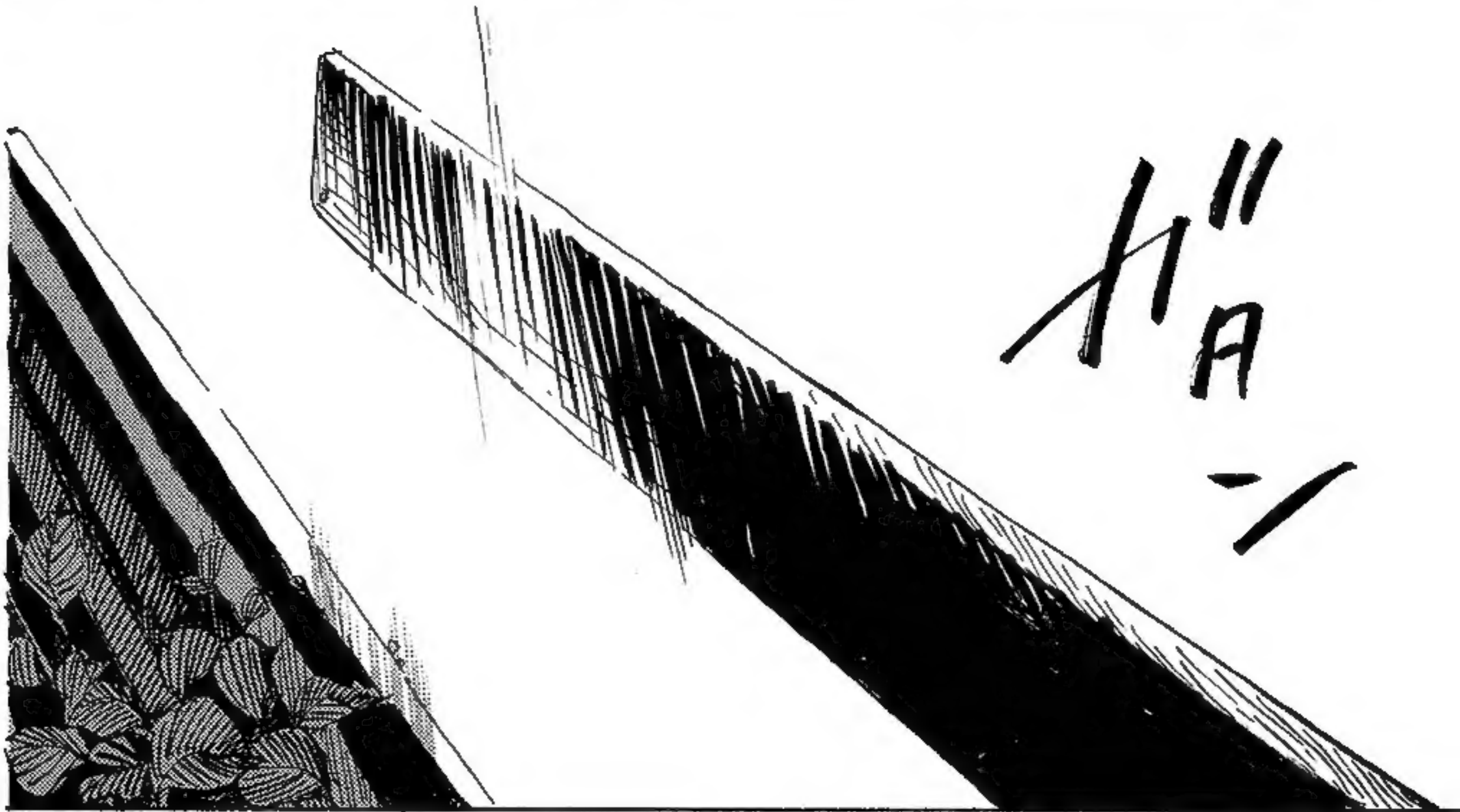
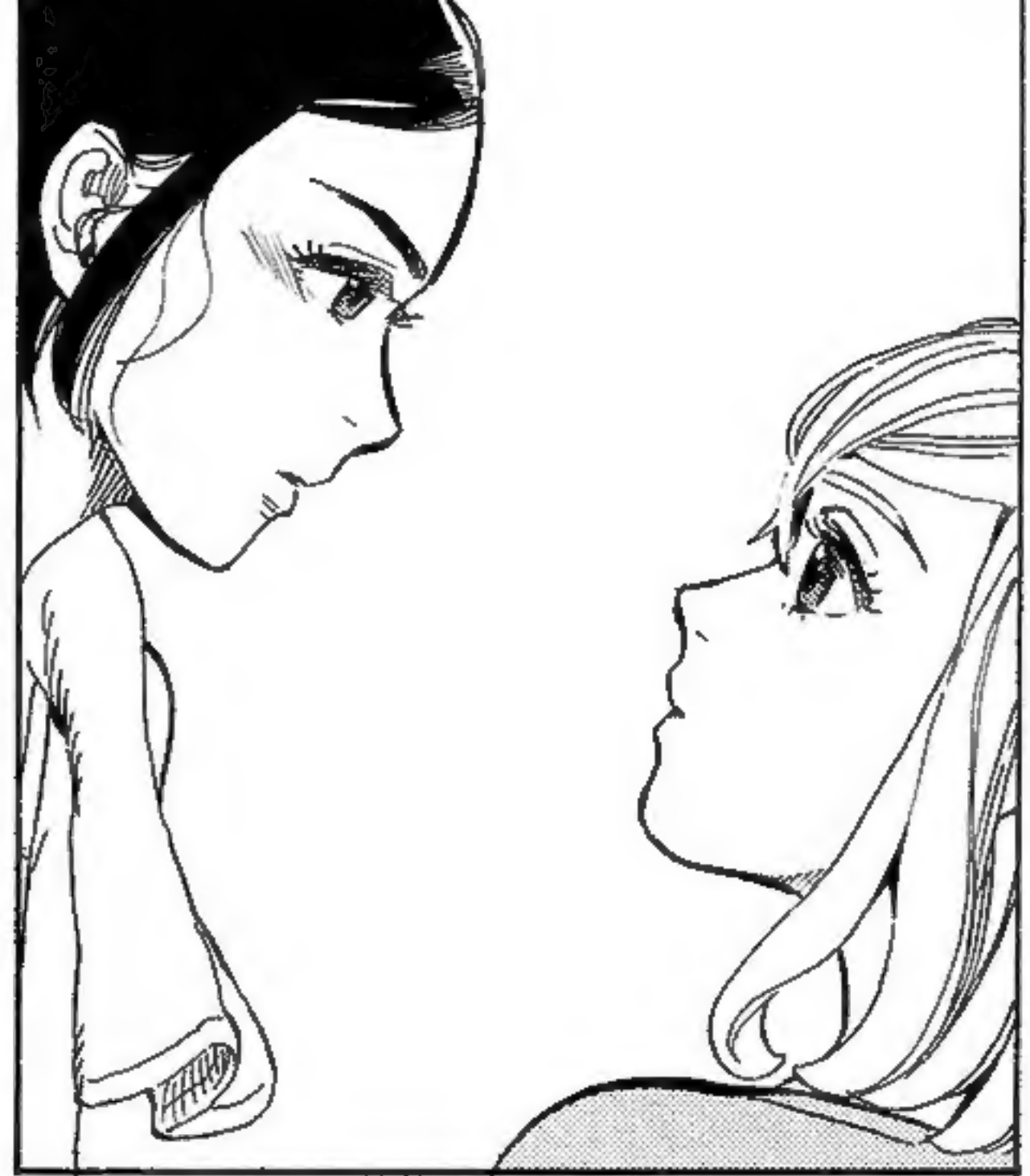


IS THIS
YOUR
FIRST TIME
MEETING
SOMEONE
LIKE ME?

WHAT
IS IT?









OBVIOUSLY,
SINCE A CAR
CAN'T GET
THROUGH HERE,
WE'LL HAVE
TO TAKE DOWN
EVERYTHING BY
HAND, RIGHT...?

THE
HOUSE
IS UP ON
A HILL,
AFTER
ALL,

SO NOTHING
BEATS
GOOD OLD
MANPOWER!



WE'VE
GOTTEN
MOST OF
IT CLEANED
UP THANKS
TO YOU!



ISN'T
THAT A
LITTLE
HAPHAZARD
...?

WOULD
ANYONE
EVEN WANT
TO RENT A
HOUSE IN AN
INCONVENIENT
PLACE LIKE
THIS...?

THEN HOW
ABOUT WE
PUT IT UP
FOR RENT
FOR NOW?



YEAH,
THAT'S
STILL UP
IN THE
AIR.

AND SO...
YOU STILL HAVEN'T
DECIDED WHAT TO
USE THAT HOUSE
FOR AFTER YOU
REMODEL IT?

EHH?



THAT'S
SO
CHEAP!

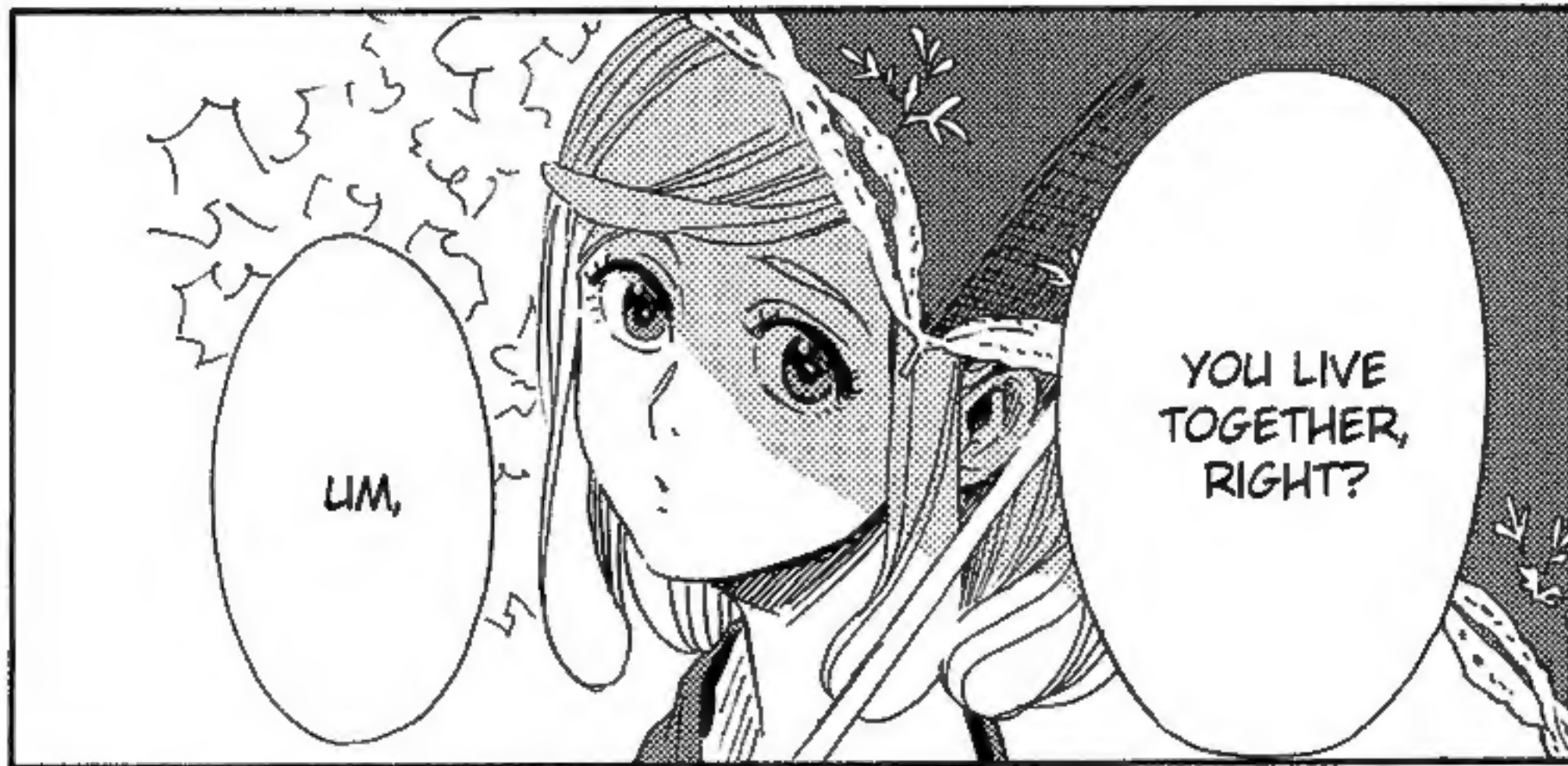
IT'S A
SINGLE
HOUSE
THAT'S
15,000 YEN
A MONTH.

WELL, THE
TOILET IS AN
OUTHOUSE
AND IT'S A
CENTIPEDE
PARADISE.



BUT EVEN IF I
DON'T HAVE A
CAR, THERE'S
AN AEON STORE
WITHIN WALKING
DISTANCE, SO
IT'S NOT THAT
INCONVENIENT.

THE PLACE
I'M RENTING
IS ALSO UP
ON A HILL
AND IT WAS
RENOVATED,



UM,

YOU LIVE
TOGETHER,
RIGHT?



HM?

...



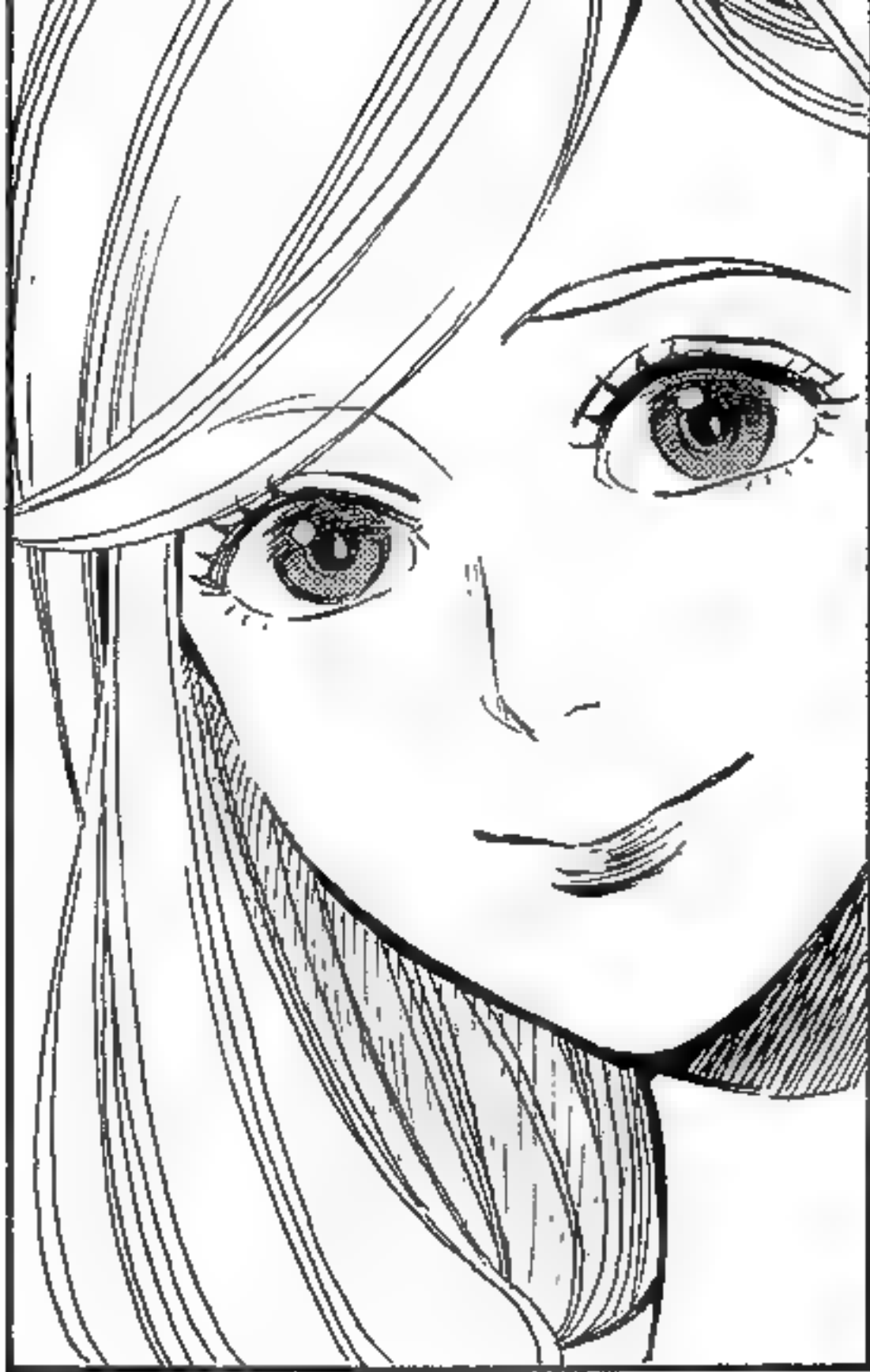
AND WHILE
WE'RE
ON THE
SUBJECT...

YEAH,



WITH
YOUR
WIFE...





AHH,

HE CAN
RELATE
TO THAT.



WHAT!?

NO...
HUH!?

DO YOU LOOK
AT STUFF LIKE
THAT ONLINE,
TASU-KUN?

MET THROUGH
A TWITTER
ACCOUNT
FOR THE GAY
COMMUNITY.

SAKI
AND I



BUT WE
STARTED
DATING TWO
YEARS AGO,
AND THEN
WE MOVED
IN TOGETHER
LAST YEAR.



AT FIRST, WE
ONLY TALKED
AT THE OFFLINE
MEETINGS HELD
TWICE A YEAR,

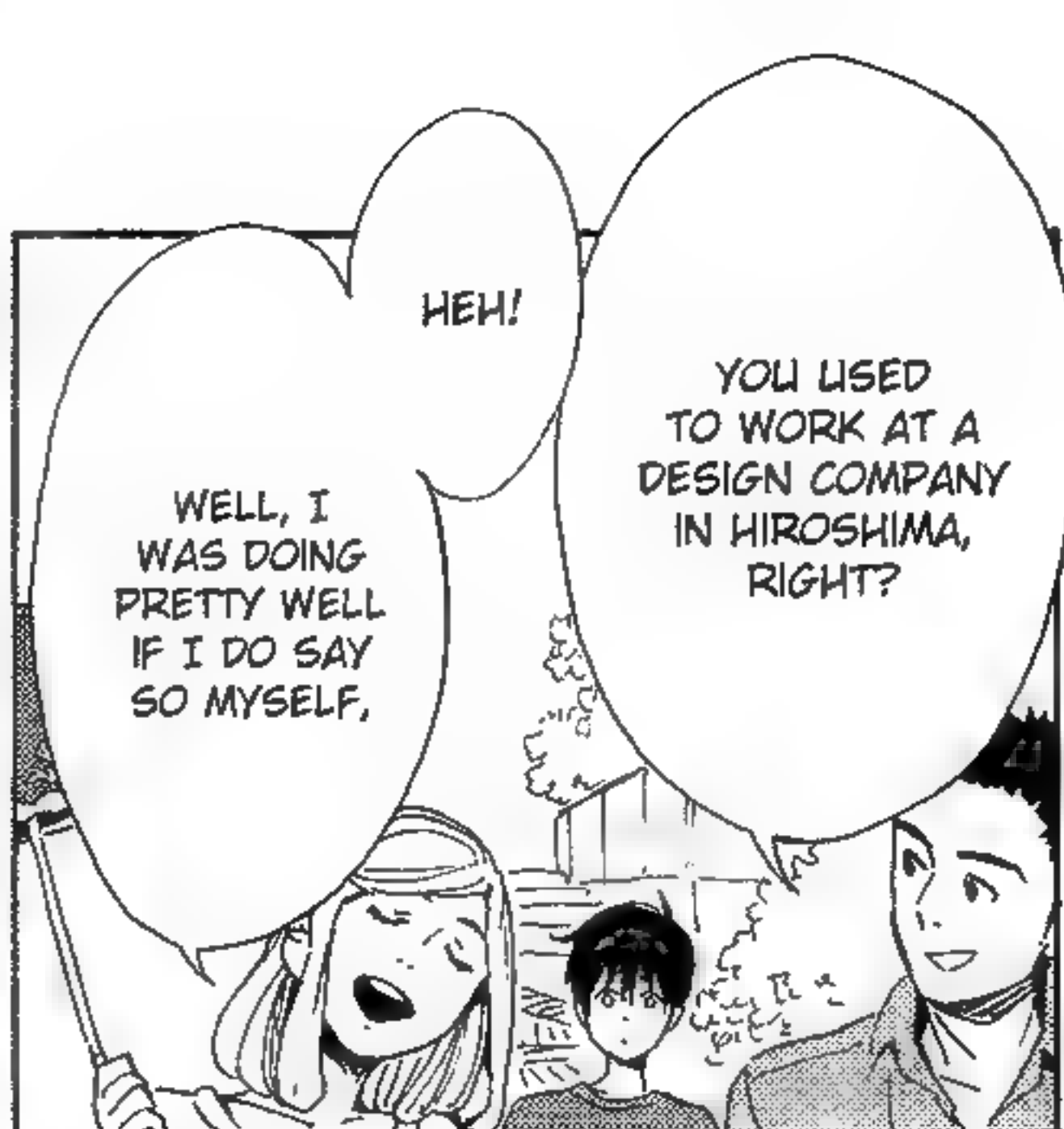


MY
RELATIONSHIP
WITH OTHERS,

SEXUAL
HARASSMENT
FROM MY
BOSS,

AND BECAUSE
I WAS BEING
JUDGED BASED ON
THE ASSUMPTION
FORCED ONTO ME
THAT WOMEN ARE
SUPPOSED TO FALL
IN LOVE WITH MEN,
GET MARRIED AND
THEN HAVE KIDS.

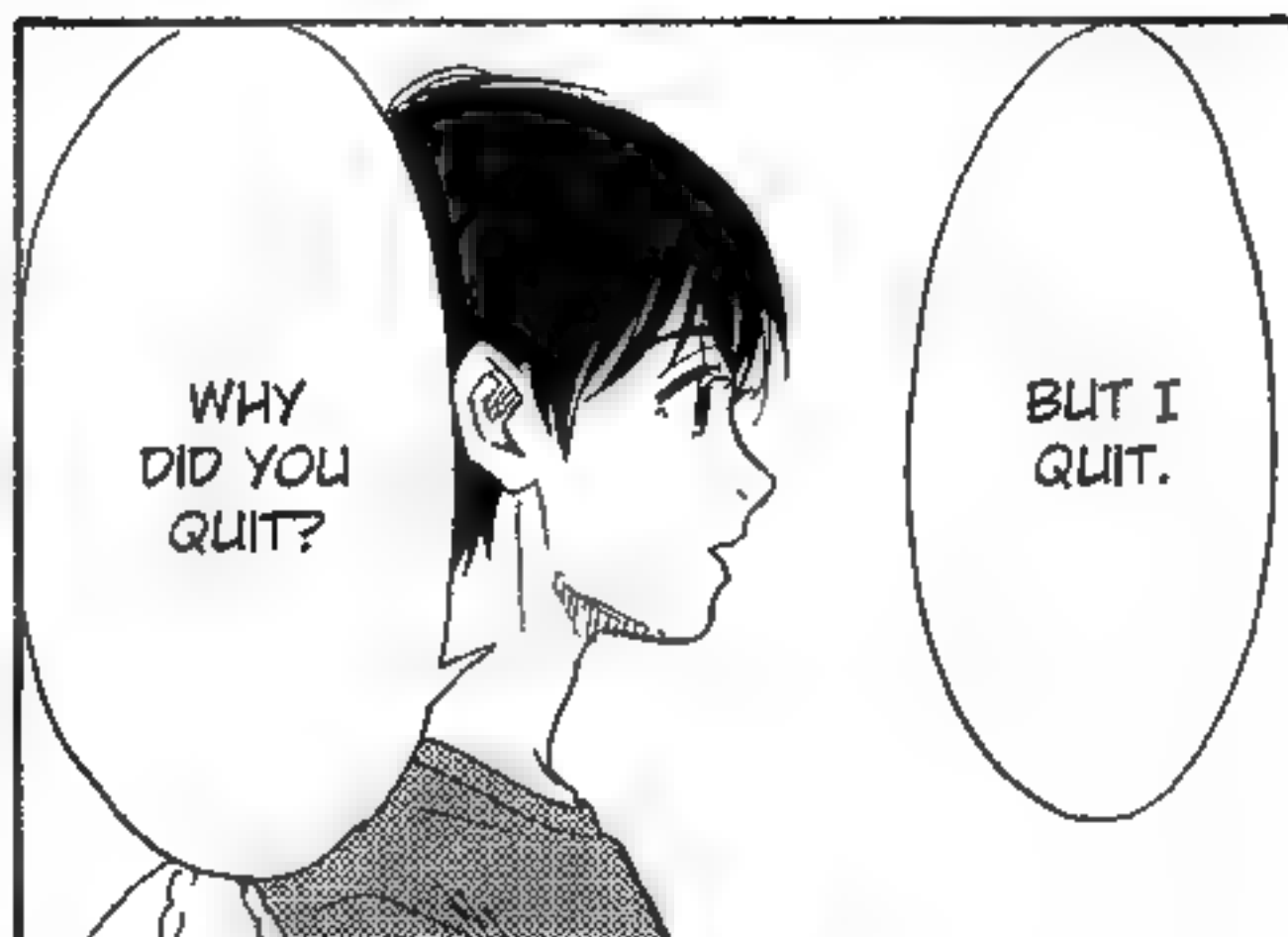
AHH...



HEH!

WELL, I
WAS DOING
PRETTY WELL
IF I DO SAY
SO MYSELF,

YOU USED
TO WORK AT A
DESIGN COMPANY
IN HIROSHIMA,
RIGHT?



WHY
DID YOU
QUIT?

BUT I
QUIT.



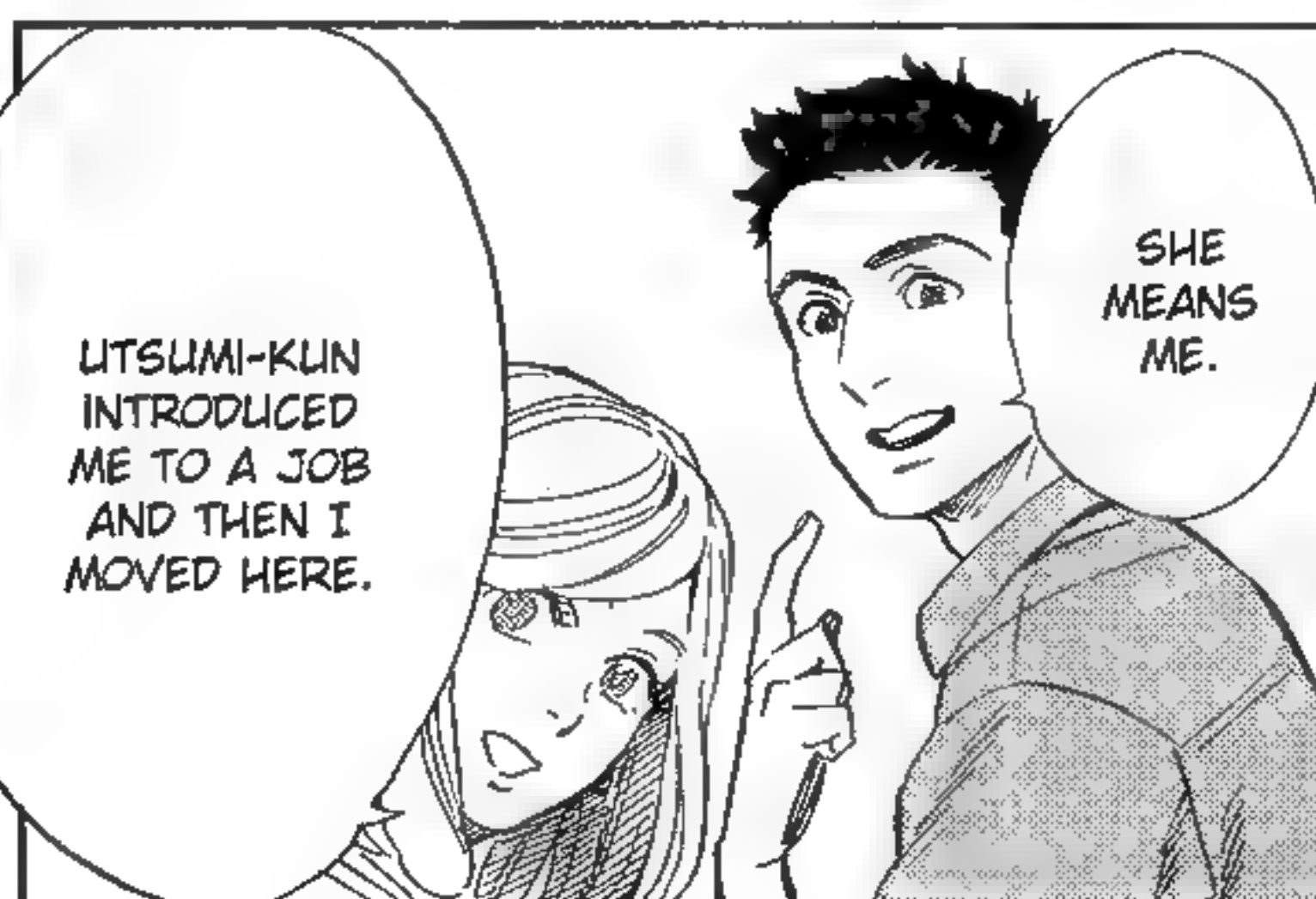
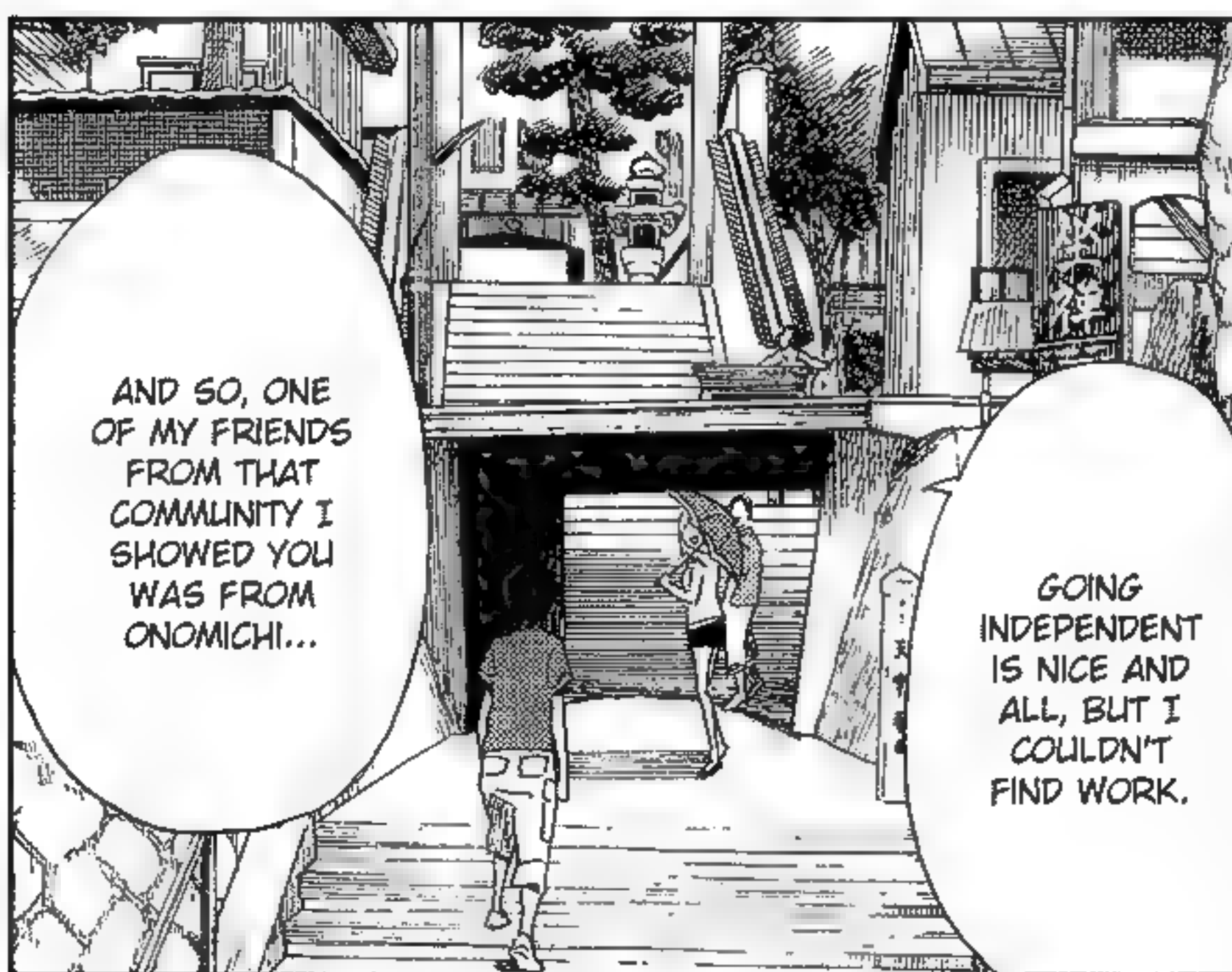
BEING
MARRIED
IS PRETTY
NICE.

YOU REALLY
FEEL LIKE A
FULL-FLEDGED
ADULT ONCE
YOU HAVE KIDS.

YOU SHOULD
HURRY UP,
HARUKO-
CHAN.

YOU'RE
NOT DATING
ANYONE?

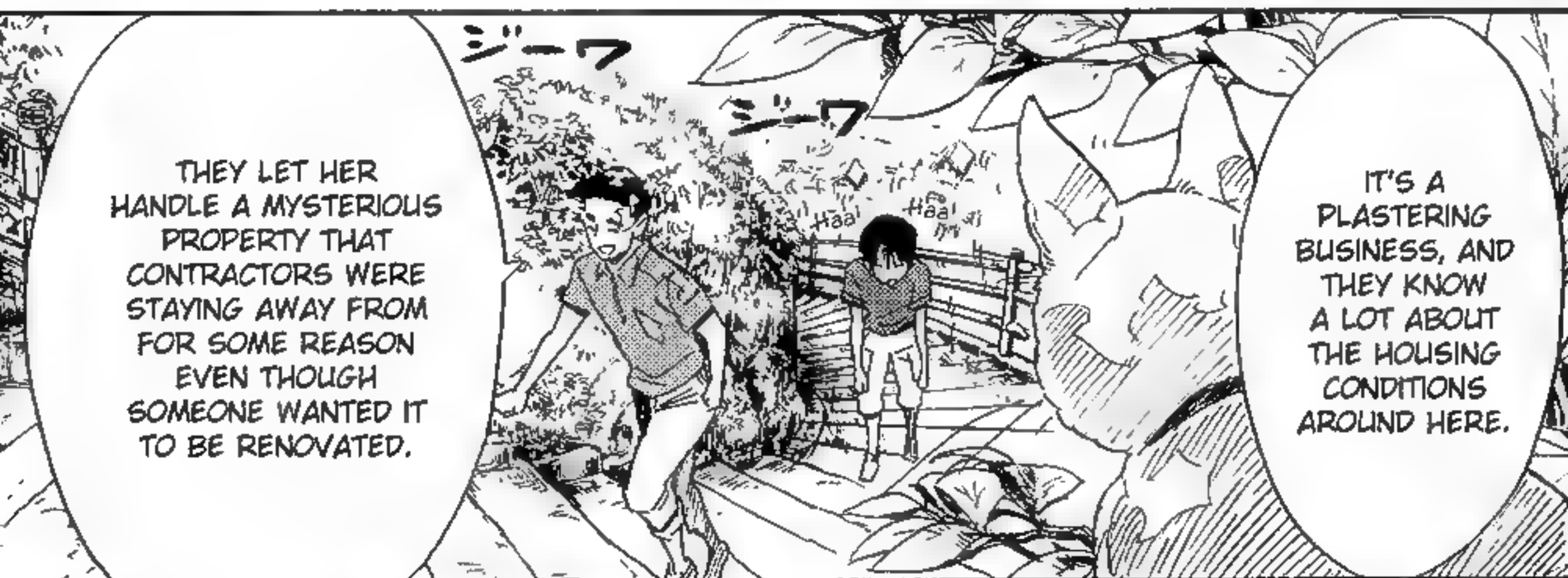
I MAY BE THIS
WAY NOW, BUT I
WAS GUARDED
BACK THEN,
AND I LIED TO
MYSELF BY
SMILING.





Ah!

...TASU-KUN?



THEY LET HER
HANDLE A MYSTERIOUS
PROPERTY THAT
CONTRACTORS WERE
STAYING AWAY FROM
FOR SOME REASON
EVEN THOUGH
SOMEONE WANTED IT
TO BE RENOVATED.

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IT'S A
PLASTERING
BUSINESS, AND
THEY KNOW
A LOT ABOUT
THE HOUSING
CONDITIONS
AROUND HERE.

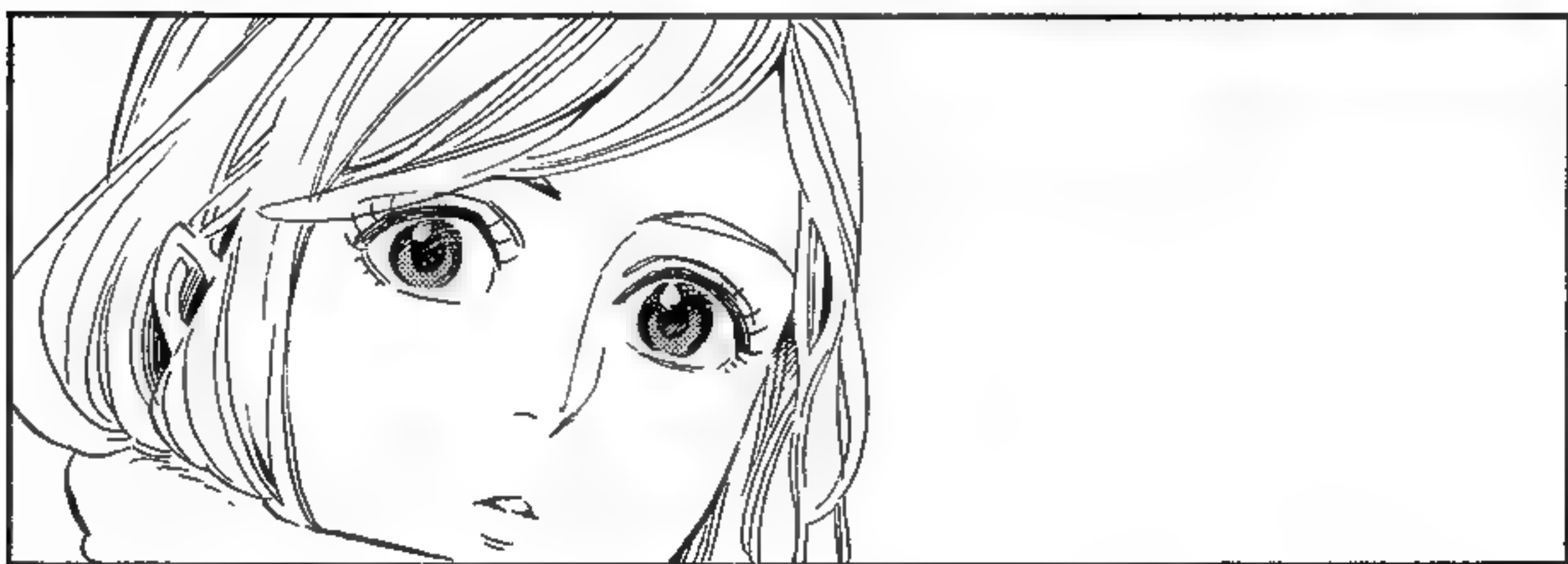


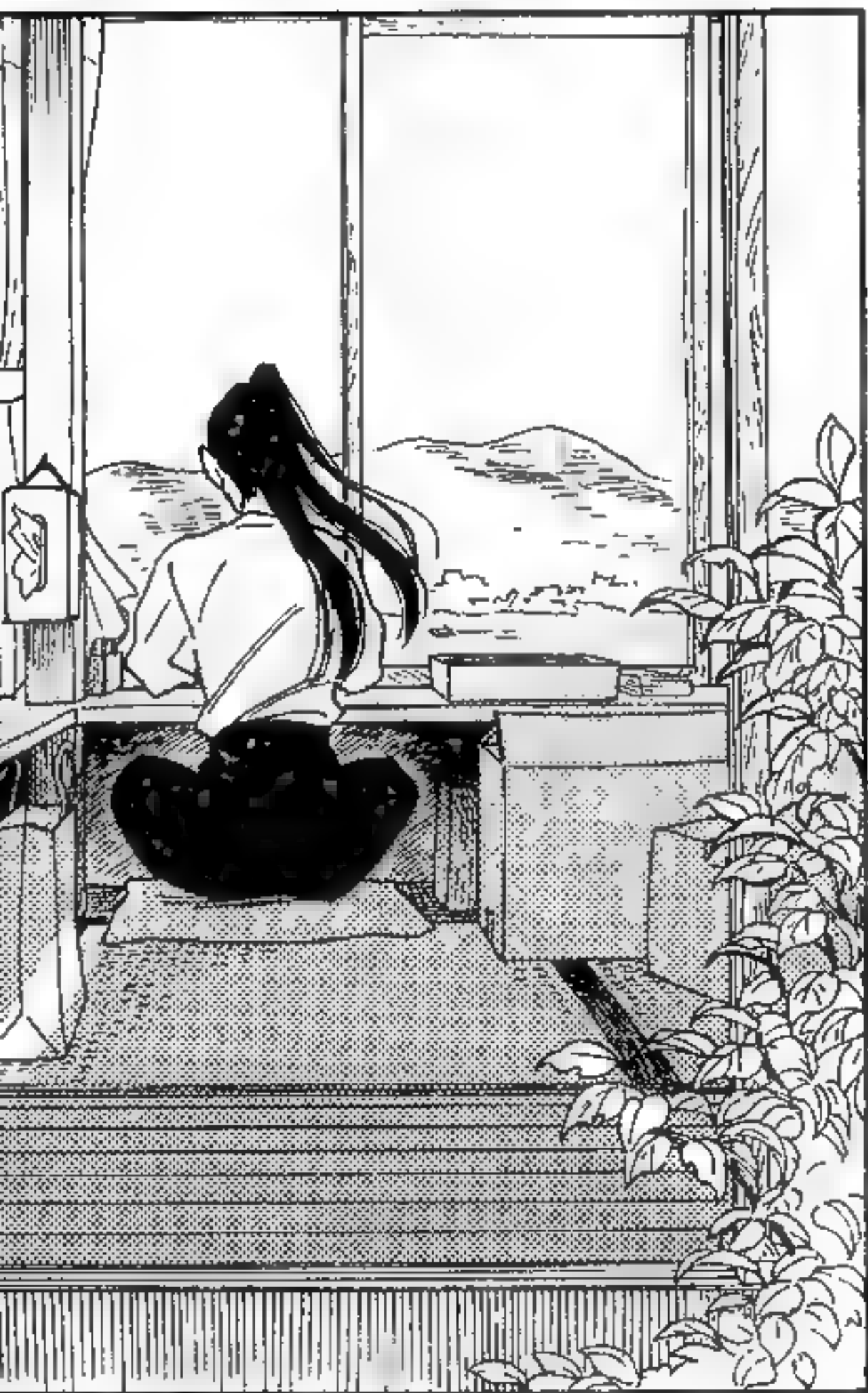
...AND
SO,

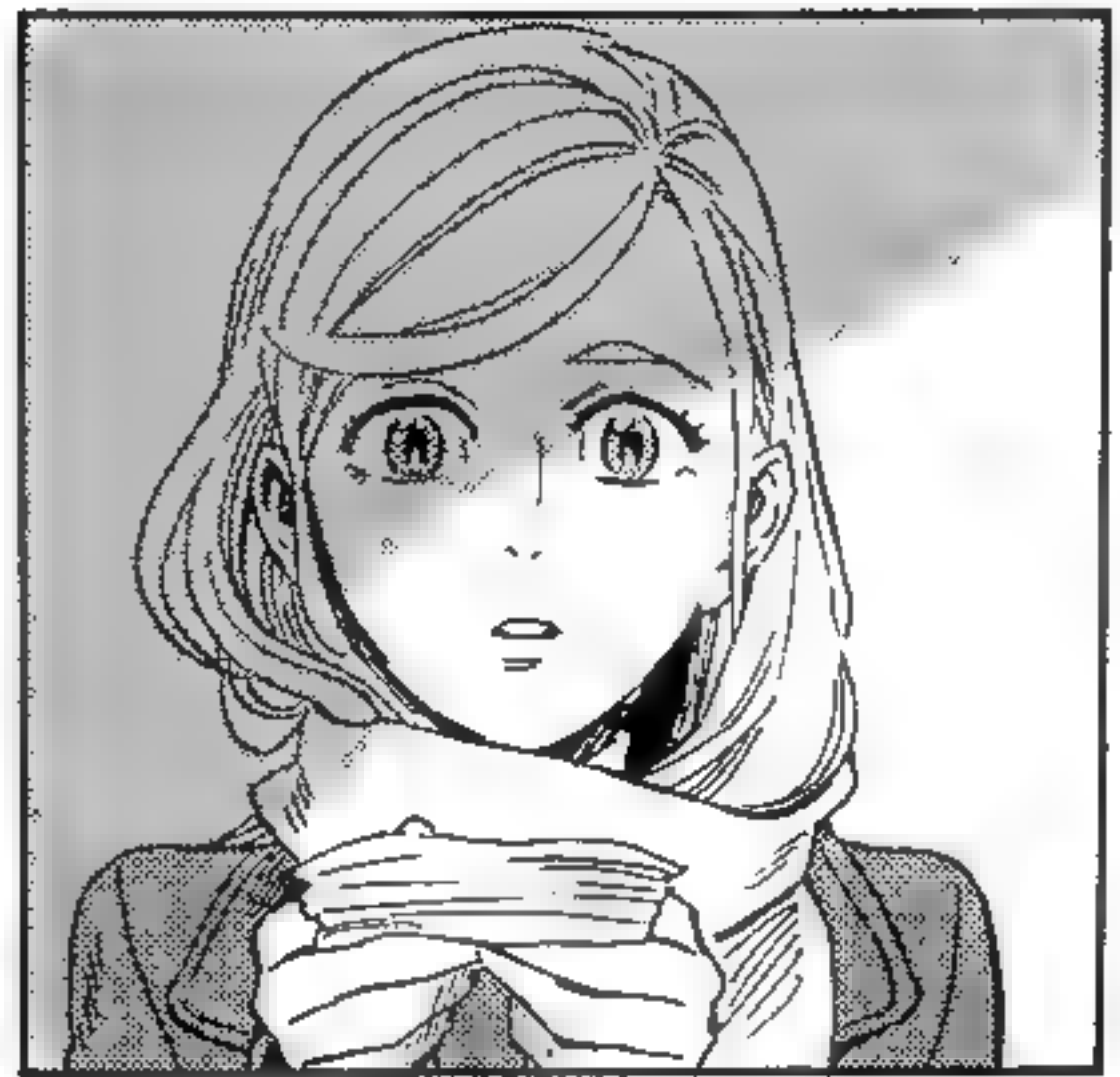


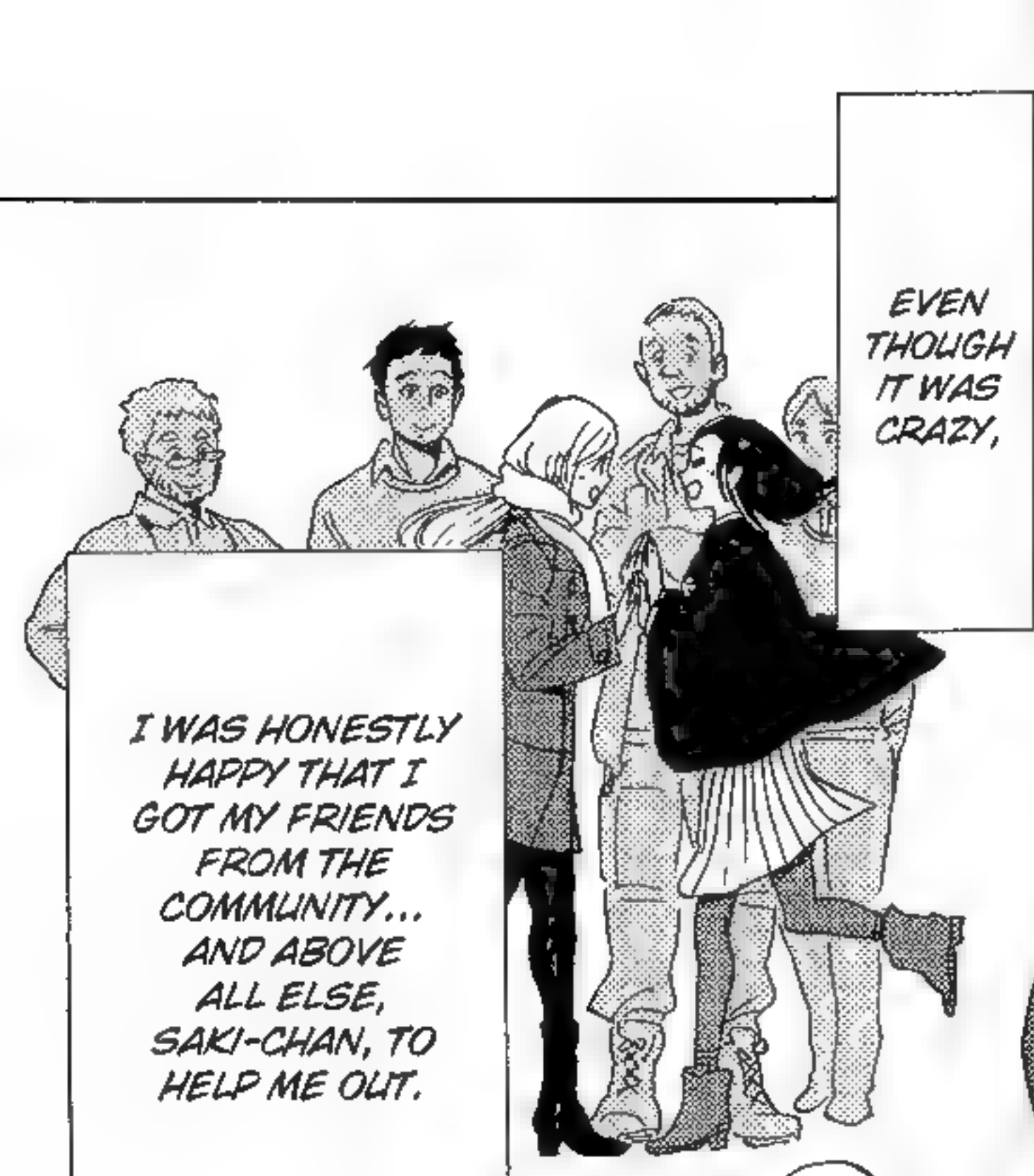
BEFORE I KNEW
WHAT WAS GOING
ON, THEY WERE
RUNNING IT BY ME.
CAN YOU
BELIEVE THAT?

EVEN THOUGH
I TOLD THEM
THAT HOUSING
DESIGN WAS
OUT OF MY
FIELD OF
EXPERTISE,









EVEN
THOUGH
IT WAS
CRAZY,

I WAS HONESTLY
HAPPY THAT I
GOT MY FRIENDS
FROM THE
COMMUNITY...
AND ABOVE
ALL ELSE,
SAKI-CHAN, TO
HELP ME OUT.



For now,
let's get the
furniture
out.

I'LL
WORK
HARD.

AND
SO,



SO I
WON'T
MAKE
ANY MORE
MISTAKES.

I'LL DO
THINGS
CAREFULLY



HARUKO-
SAN!



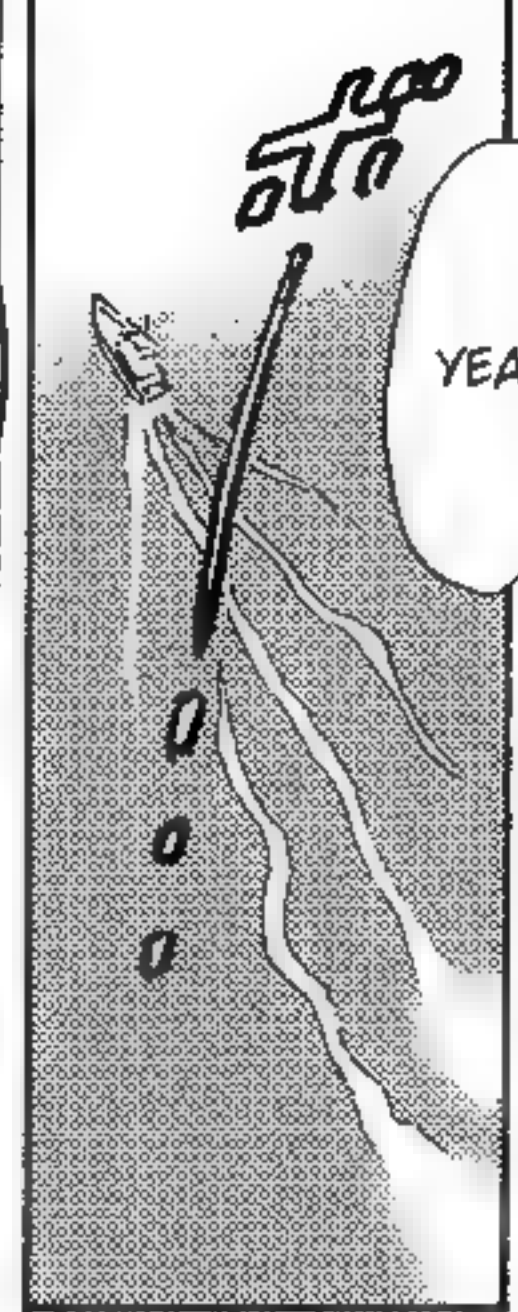
YEAH...

I DON'T
WANT
TO GET
MARRIED
YET.

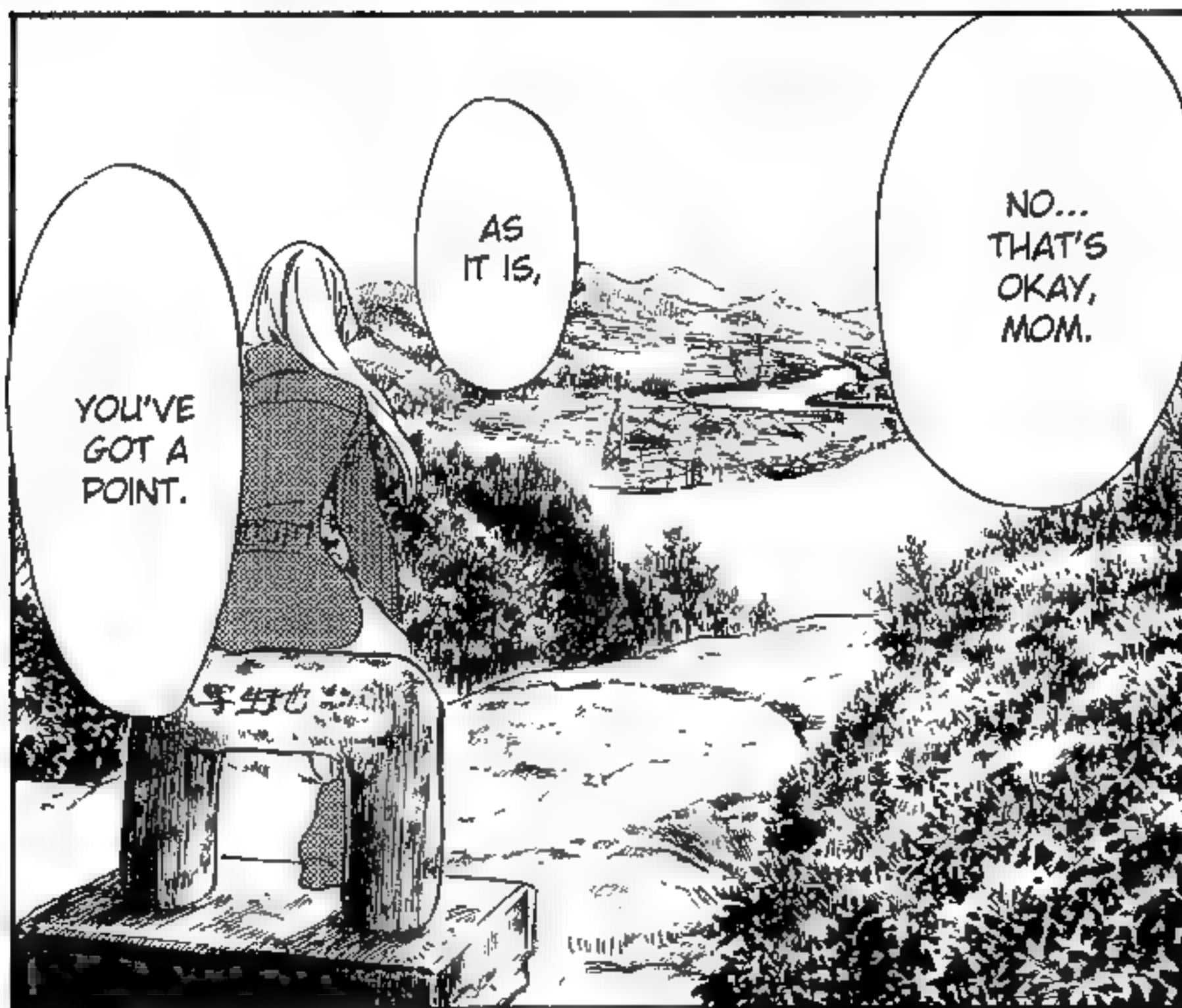
NO,

YEAH...
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

EVEN
THOUGH
I LANDED
A JOB
AT A BIG
COMPANY.



YEAH,



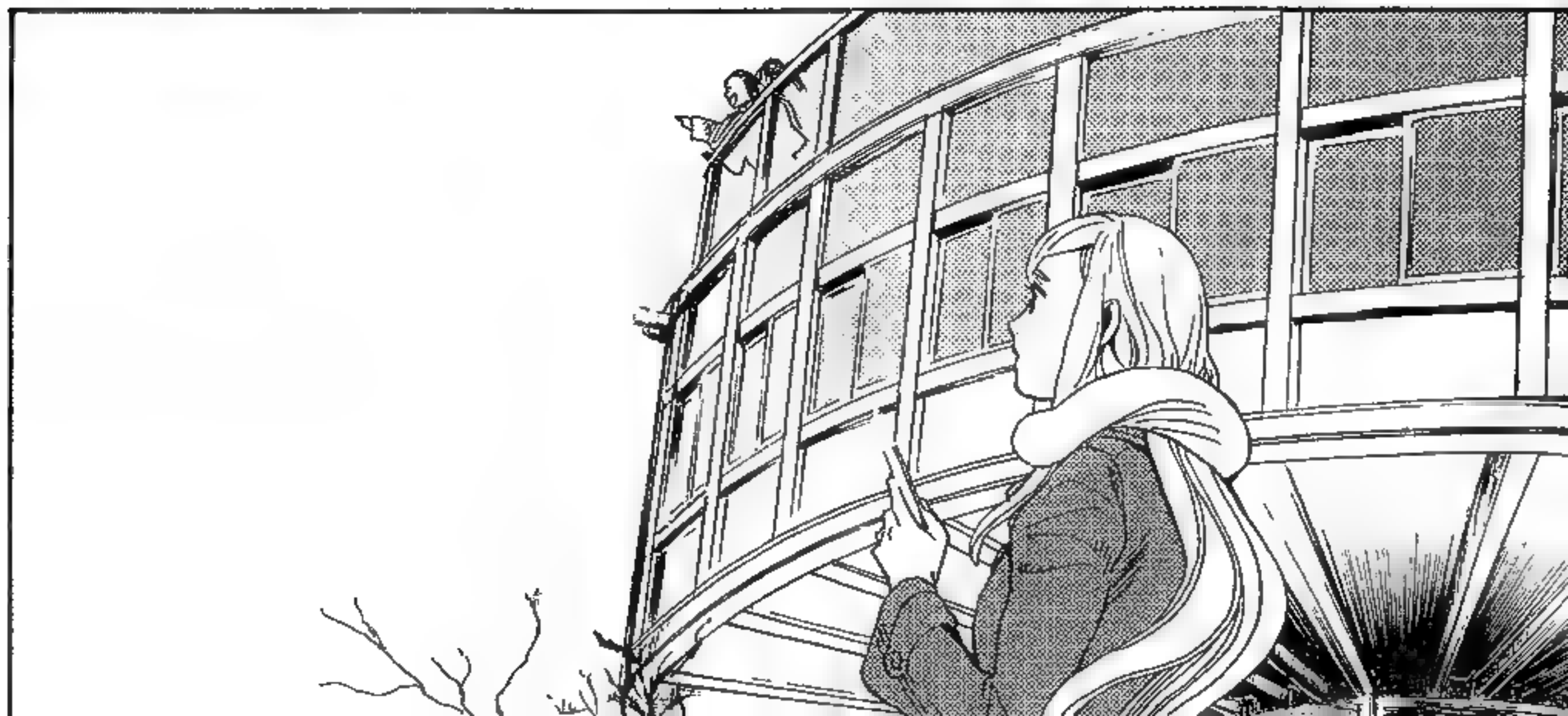
YOU'VE
GOT A
POINT.

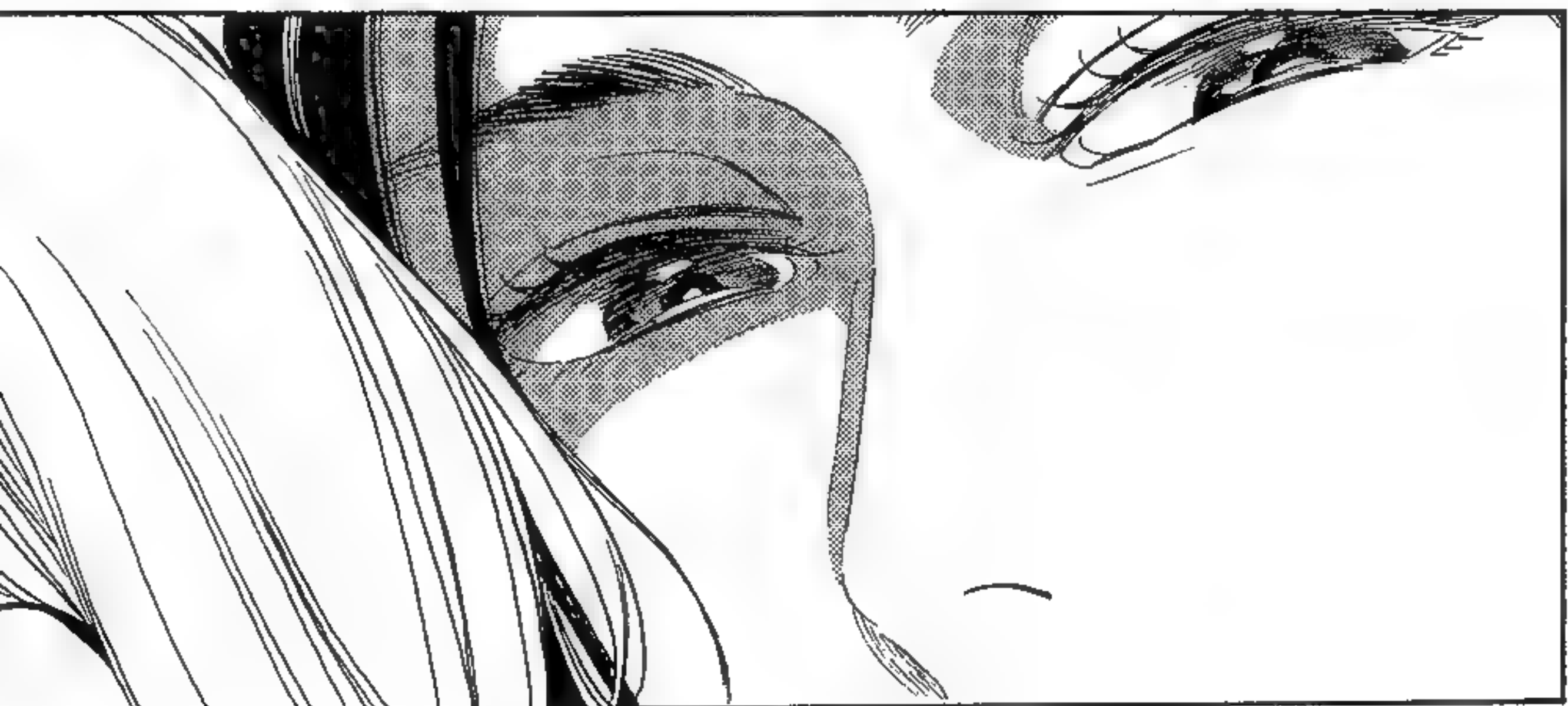
AS
IT IS,

NO...
THAT'S
OKAY,
MOM.



I'M SORRY
FOR SAYING
OVER AND
OVER THAT
I'M WORRIED
ABOUT YOU.

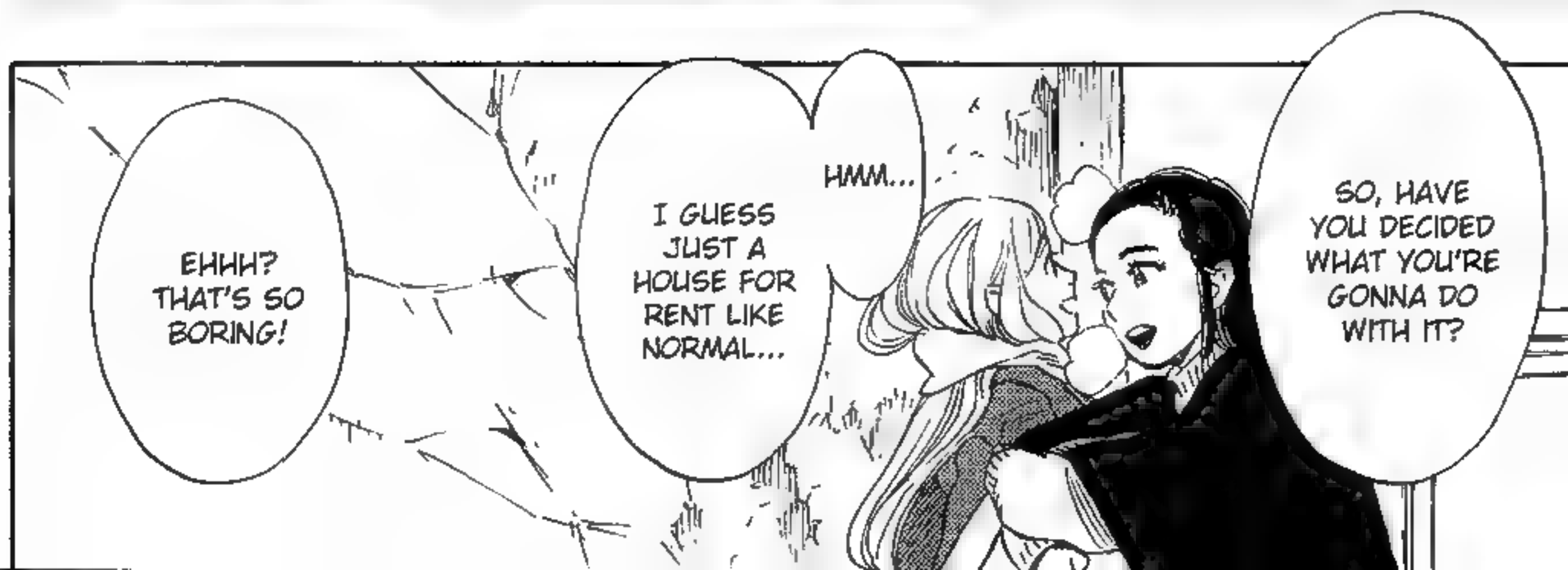
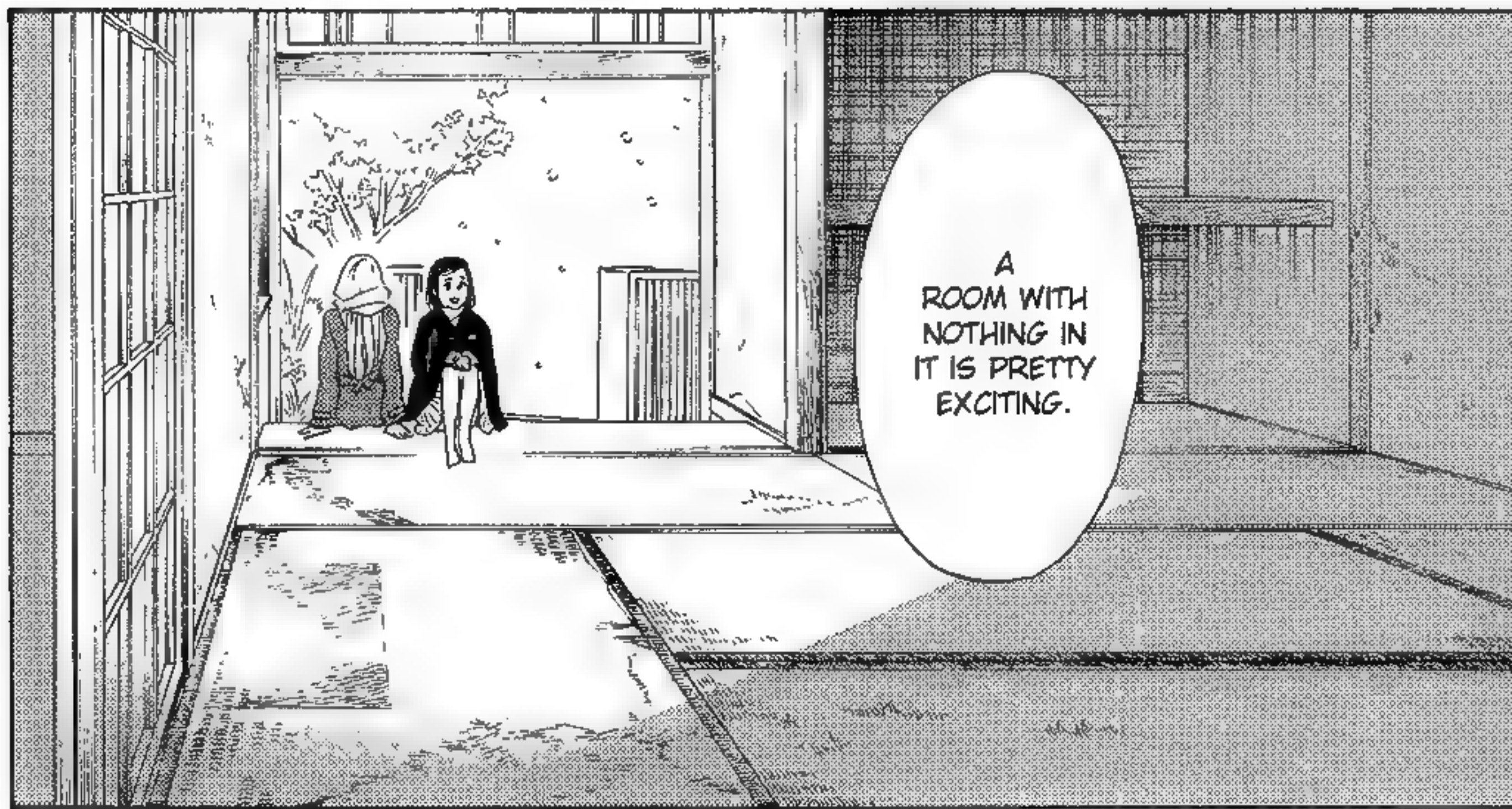
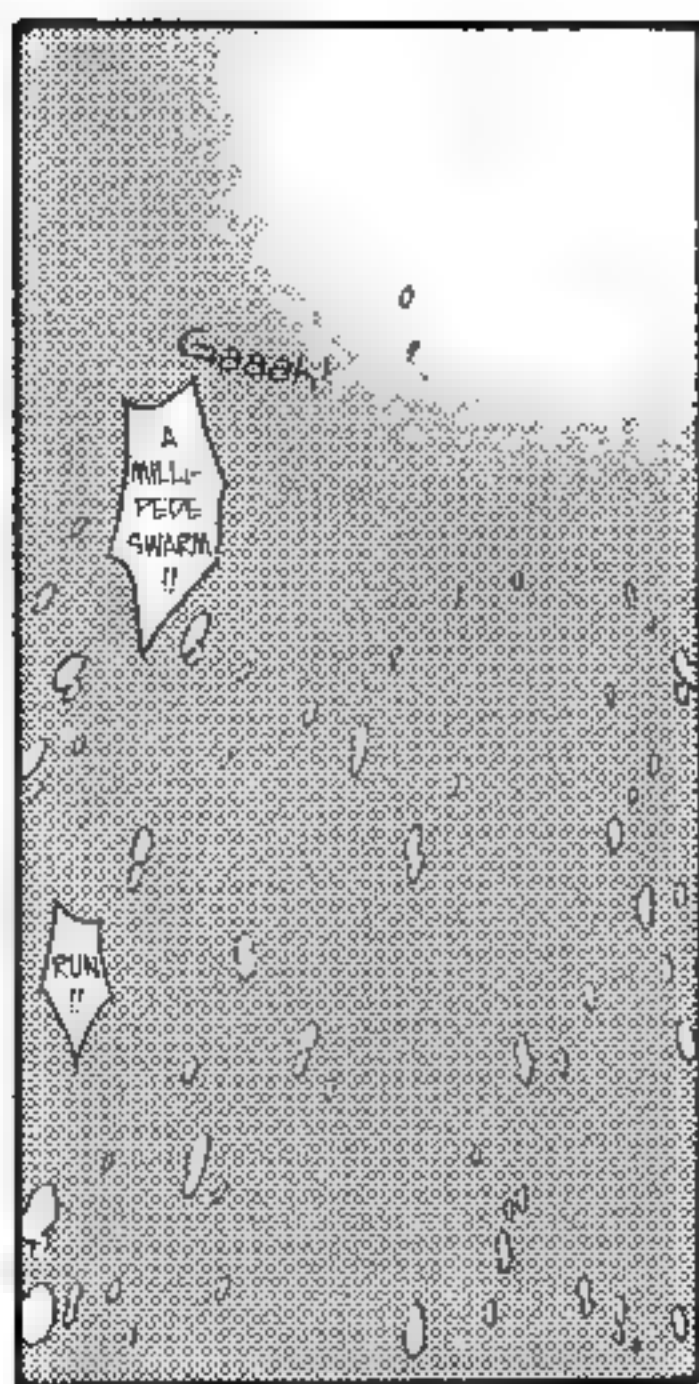
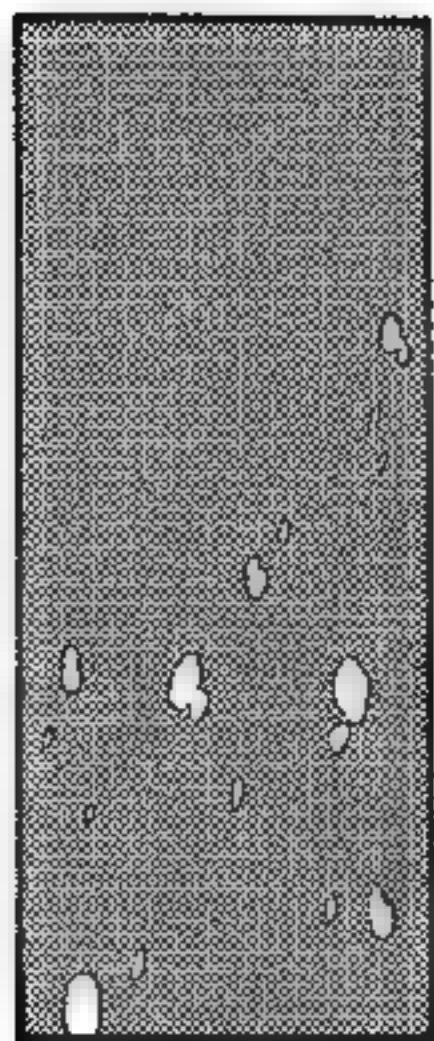




DO THINGS
CAREFULLY!
CAREFULLY!!

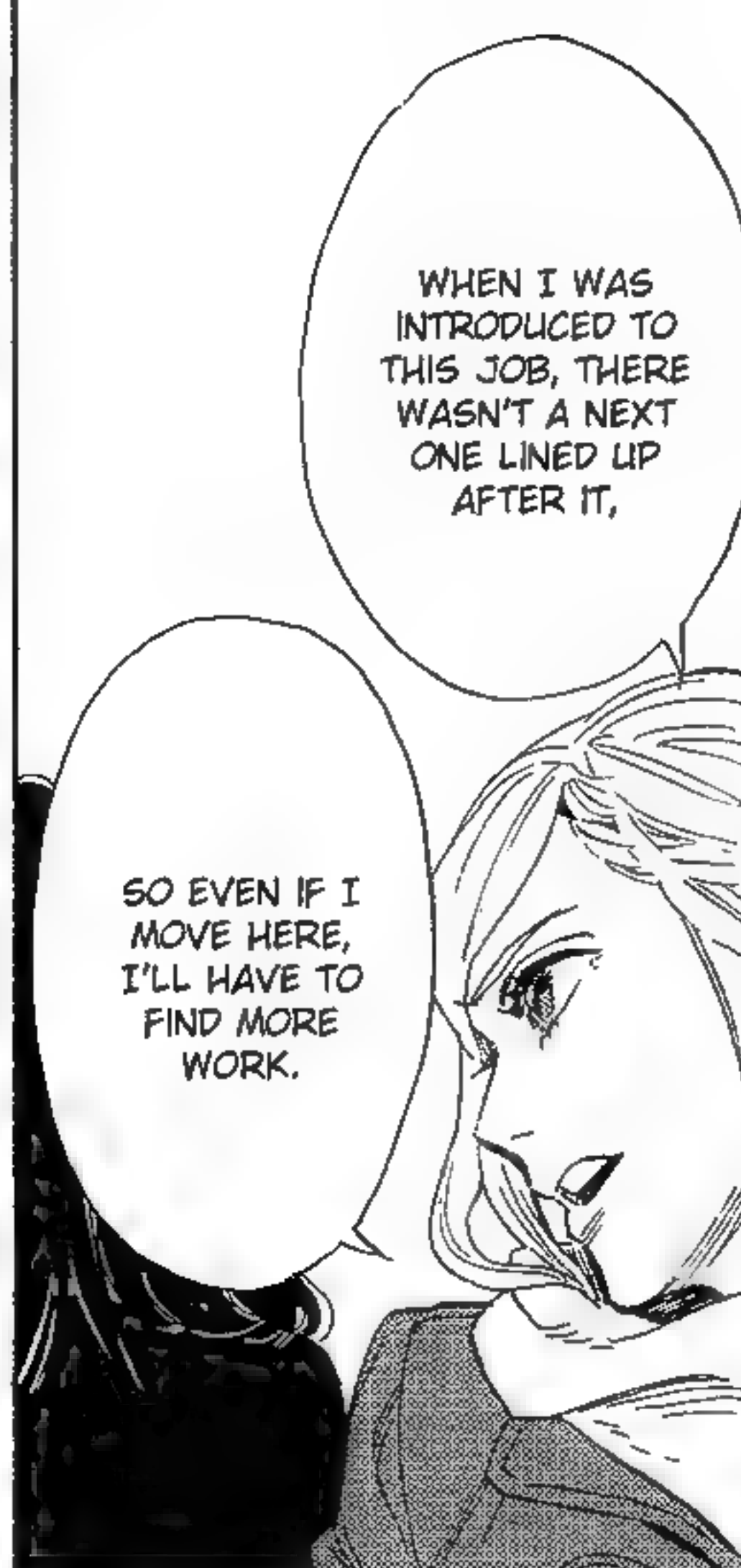
Ah!
Haru-
chan!





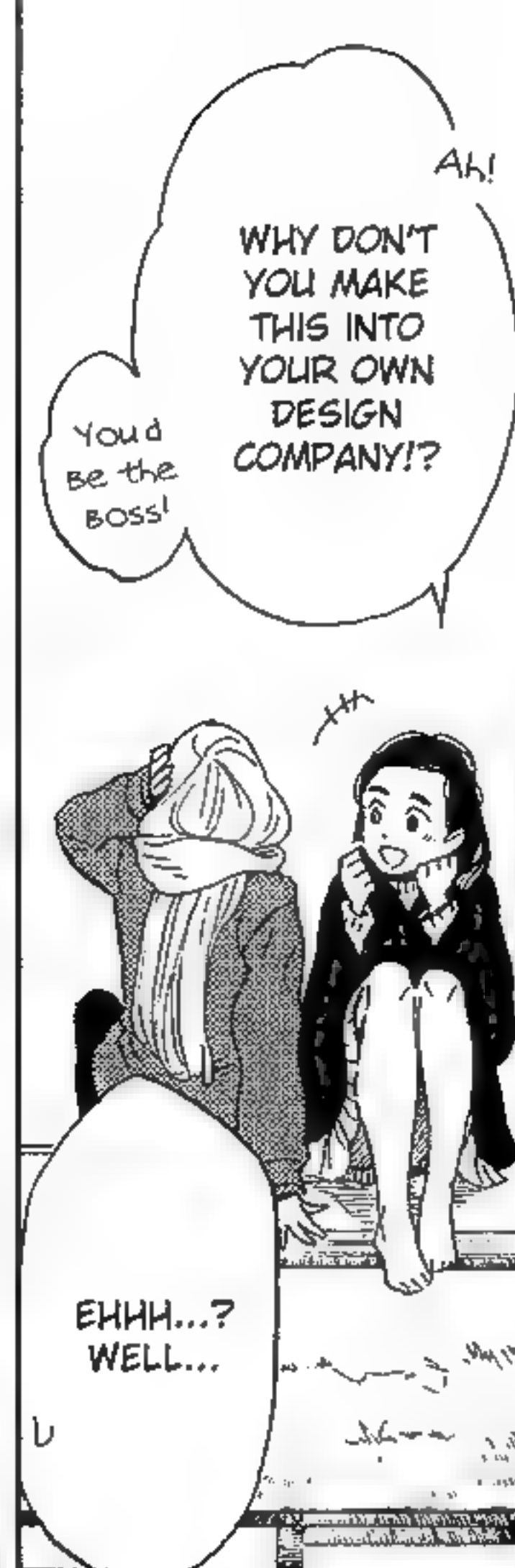


I DON'T
WANT TO
MAKE MY
PARENTS
WORRY...
ANY MORE
THAN THEY
ALREADY
HAVE.



WHEN I WAS
INTRODUCED TO
THIS JOB, THERE
WASN'T A NEXT
ONE LINED UP
AFTER IT,

SO EVEN IF I
MOVE HERE,
I'LL HAVE TO
FIND MORE
WORK.



Ah!

WHY DON'T
YOU MAKE
THIS INTO
YOUR OWN
DESIGN
COMPANY!?

You'd
be the
BOSS!

EHHH...?
WELL...



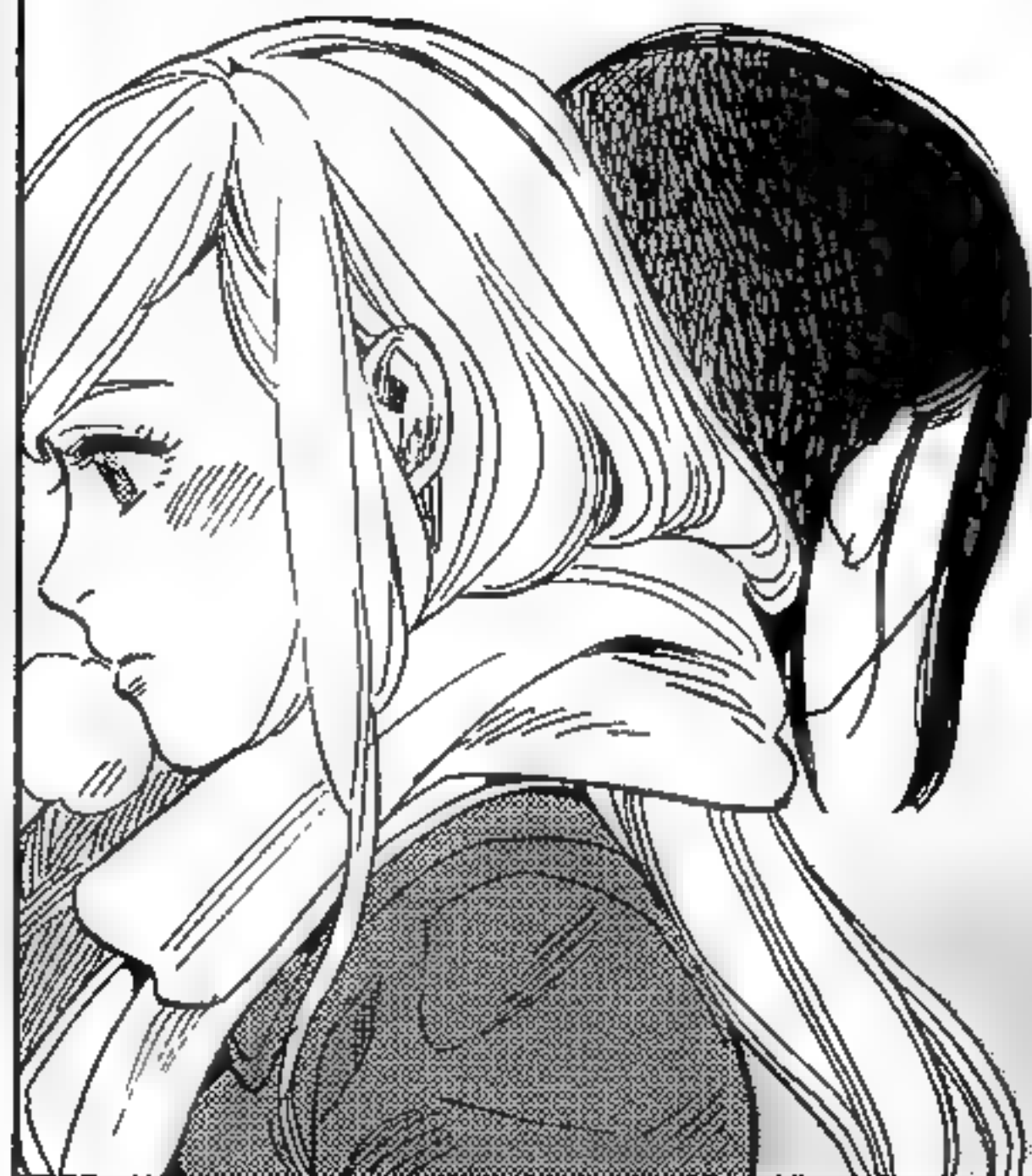
IT'S
TOUGH...
GOING OUT
INTO THE
WORLD.

...I
SEE.



FOR
US.

IT'S
TOUGH



SOMEDAY.

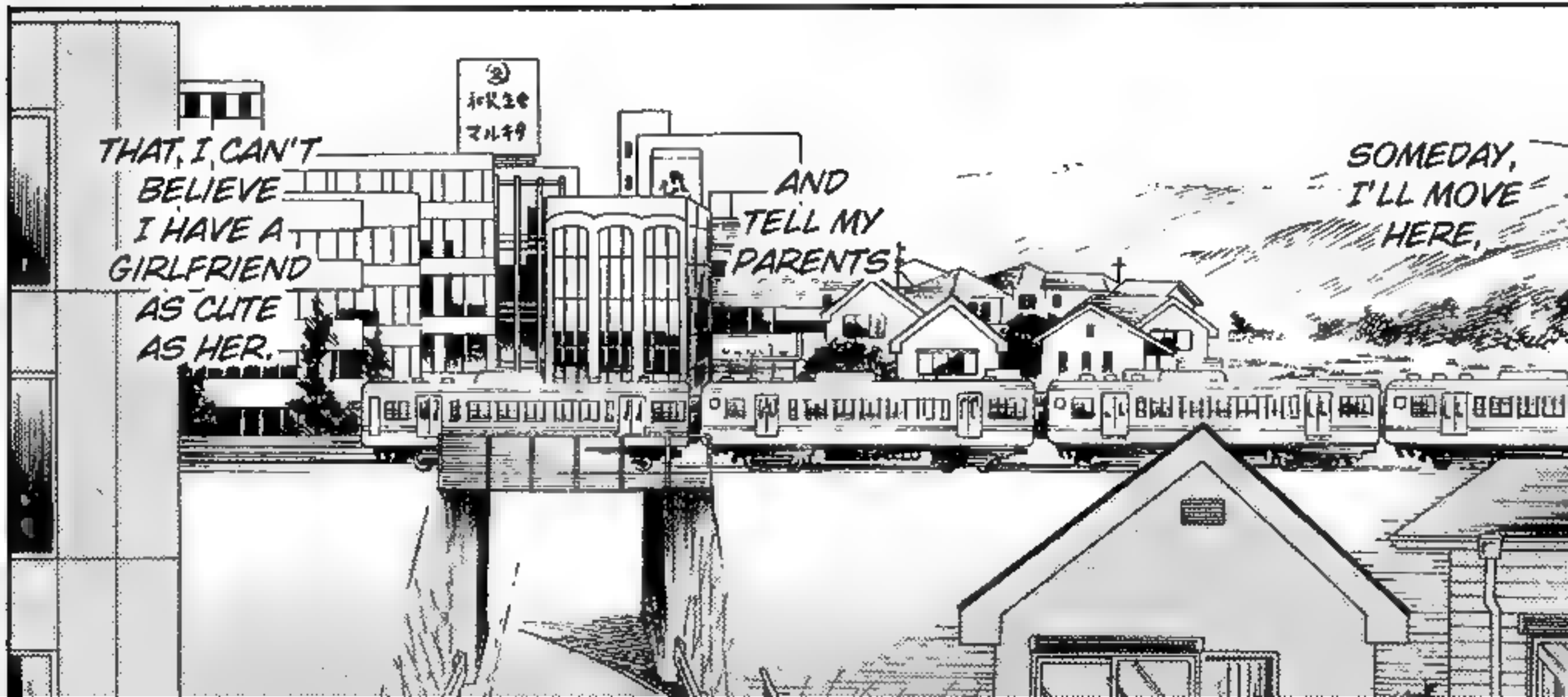
I'LL
MOVE
HERE.

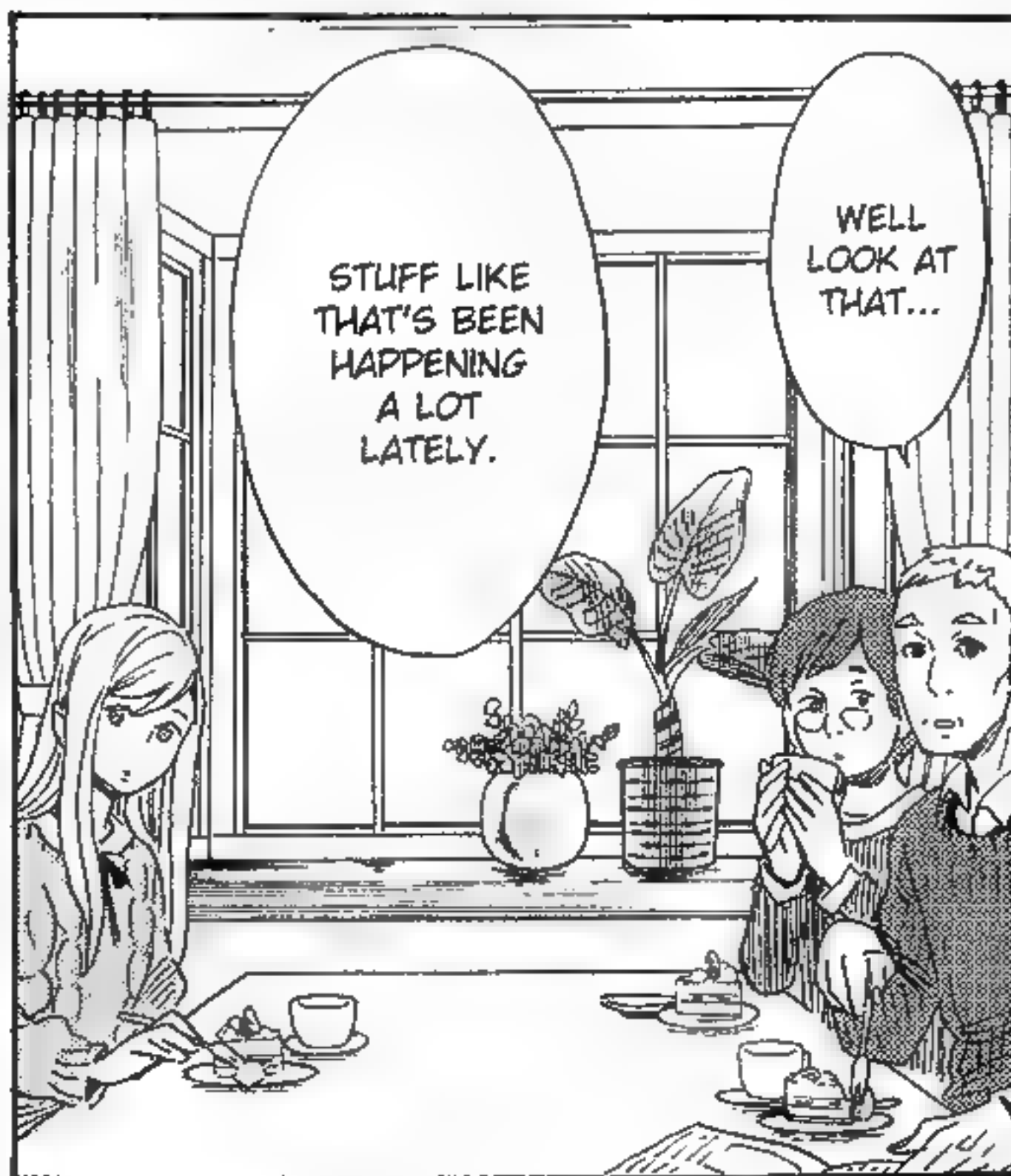
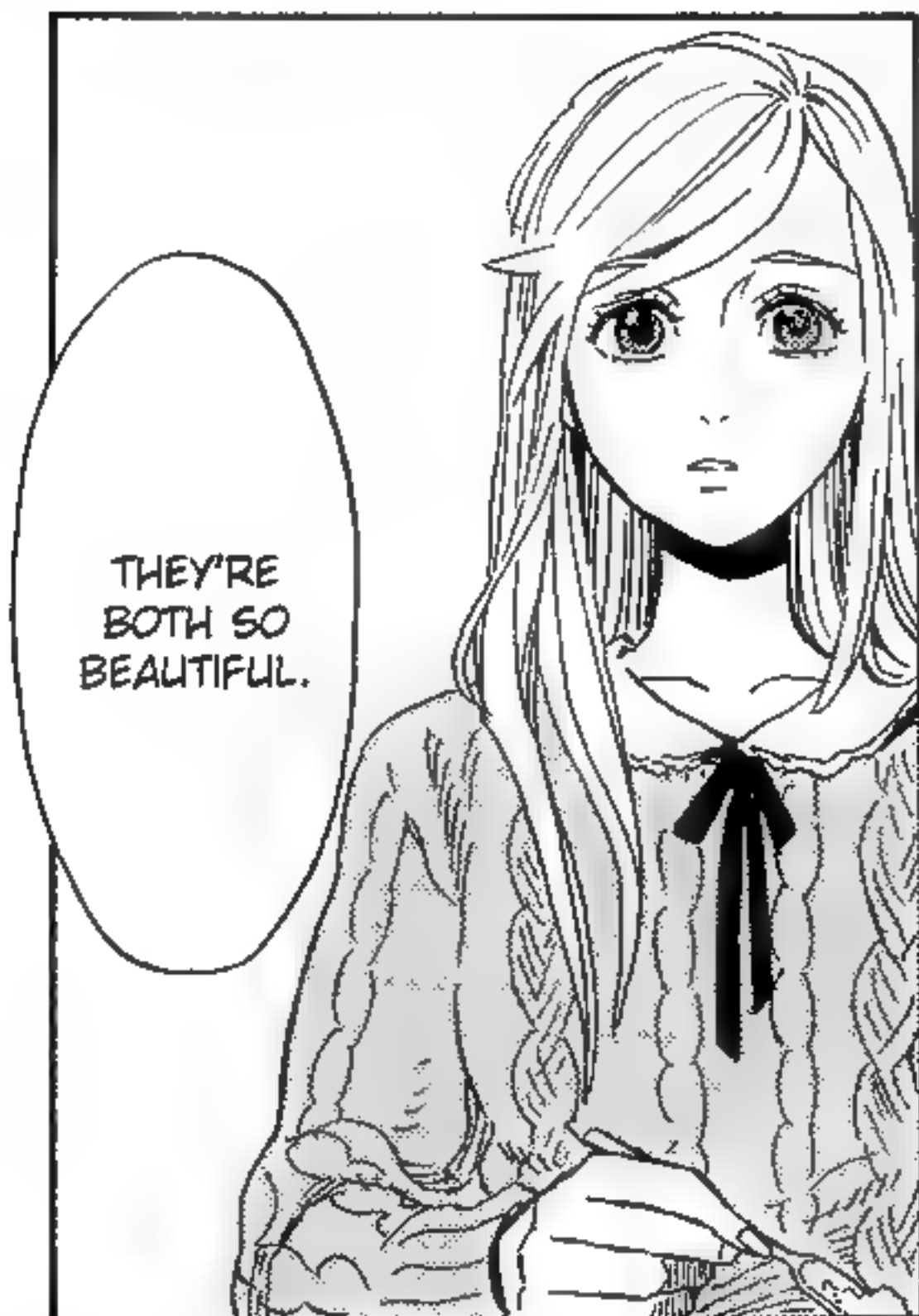


THAT, I CAN'T
BELIEVE
I HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND
AS CLITE
AS HER.

AND
TELL MY
PARENTS

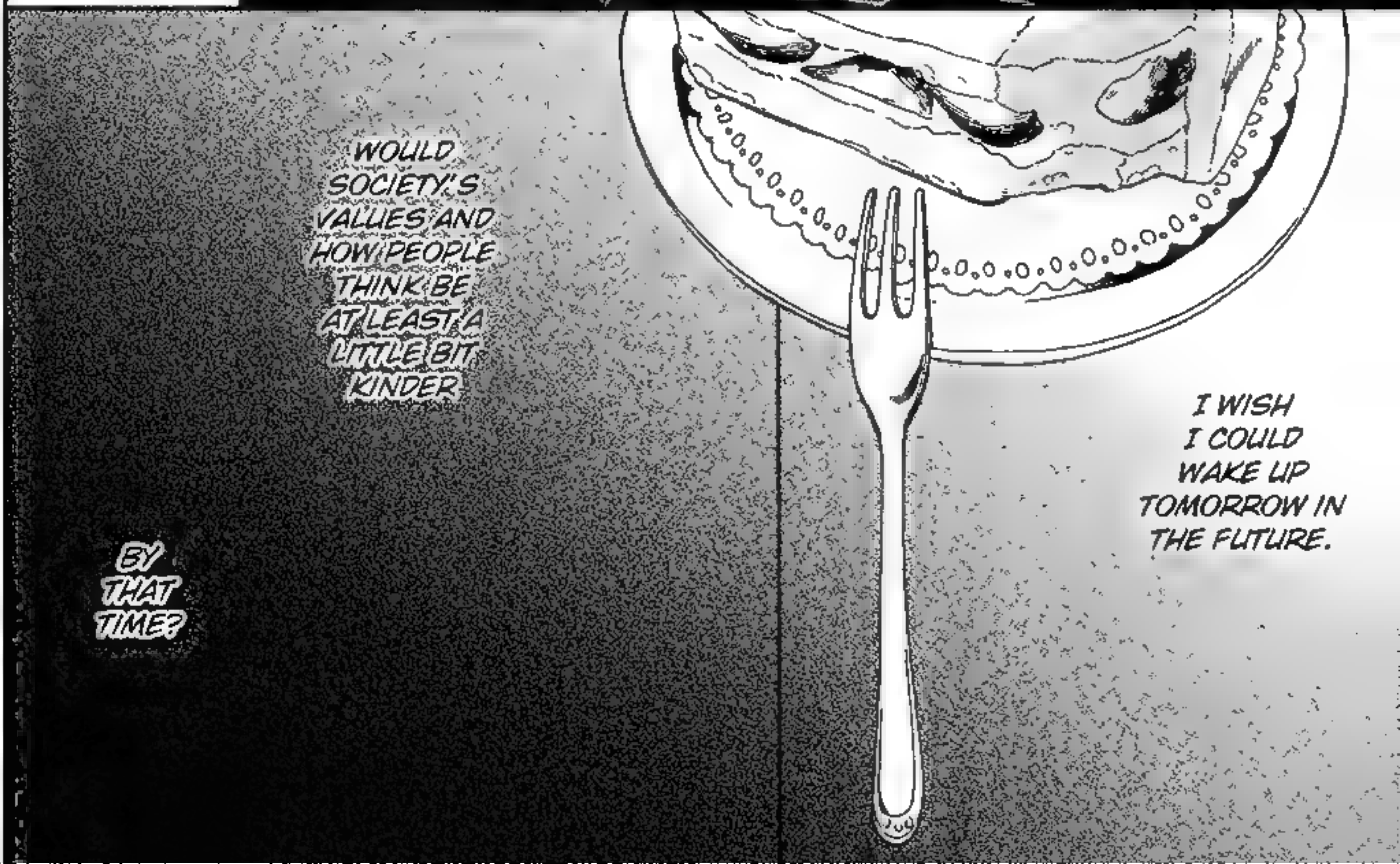
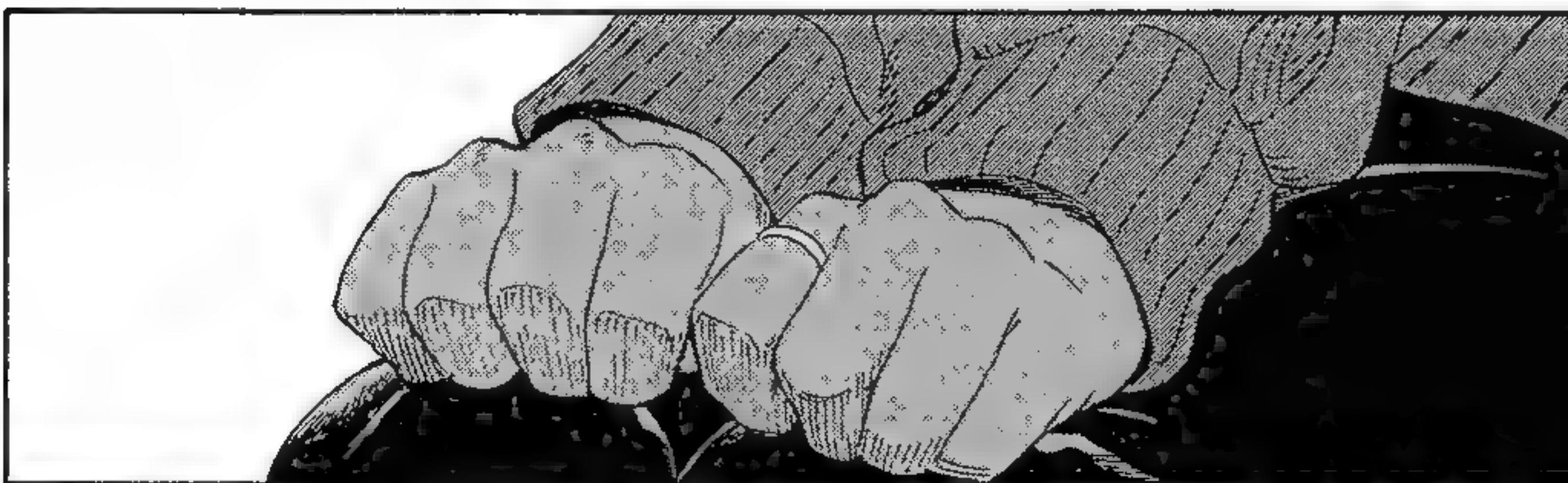
SOMEDAY,
I'LL MOVE
HERE.







BUT I
FEEL BAD
FOR THEIR
PARENTS.



WOULD
SOCIETY'S
VALUES AND
HOW PEOPLE
THINK BE
AT LEAST A
LITTLE BIT
KINDER

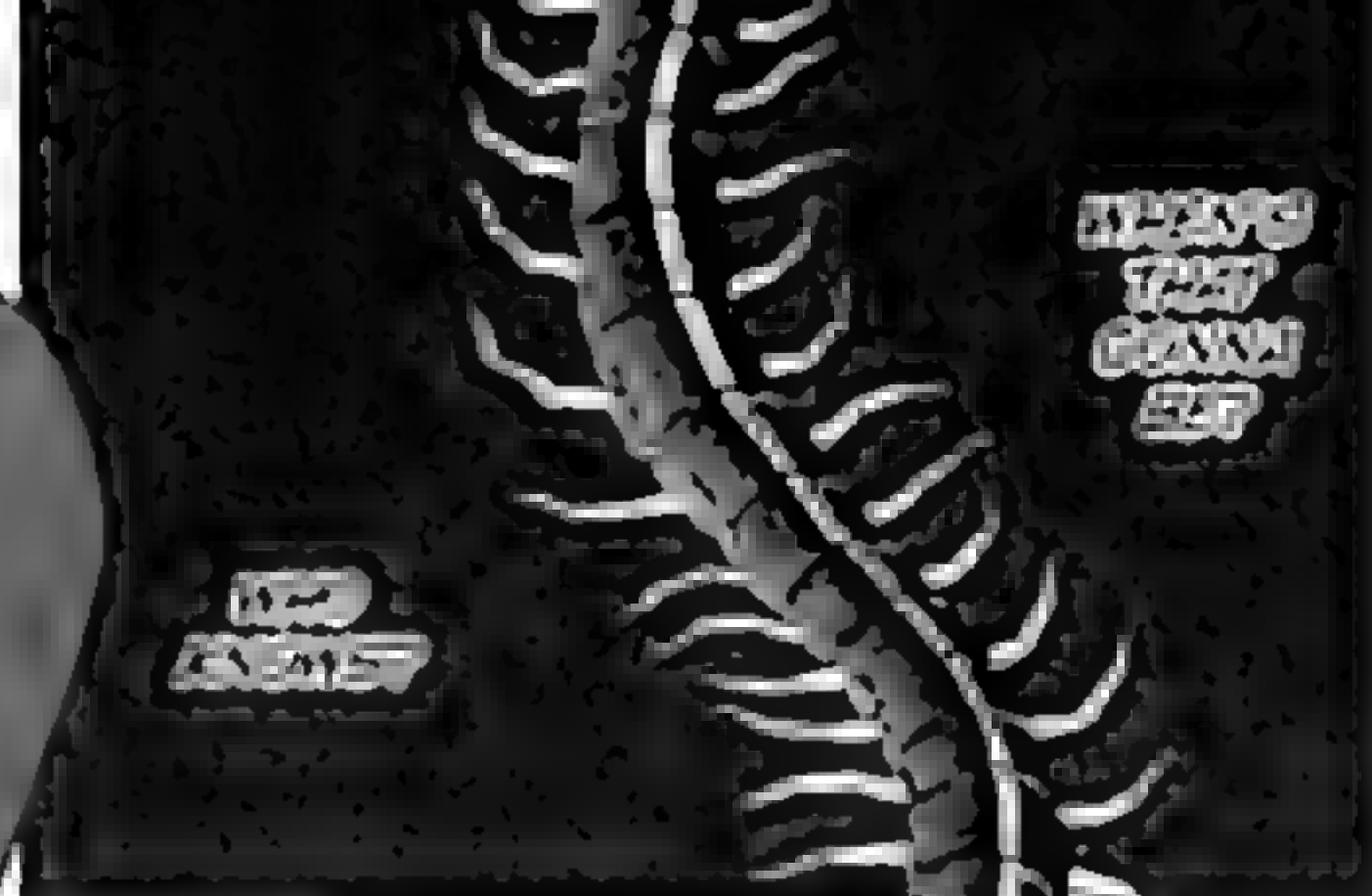
BY
THAT
TIME?

I WISH
I COULD
WAKE UP
TOMORROW IN
THE FUTURE.

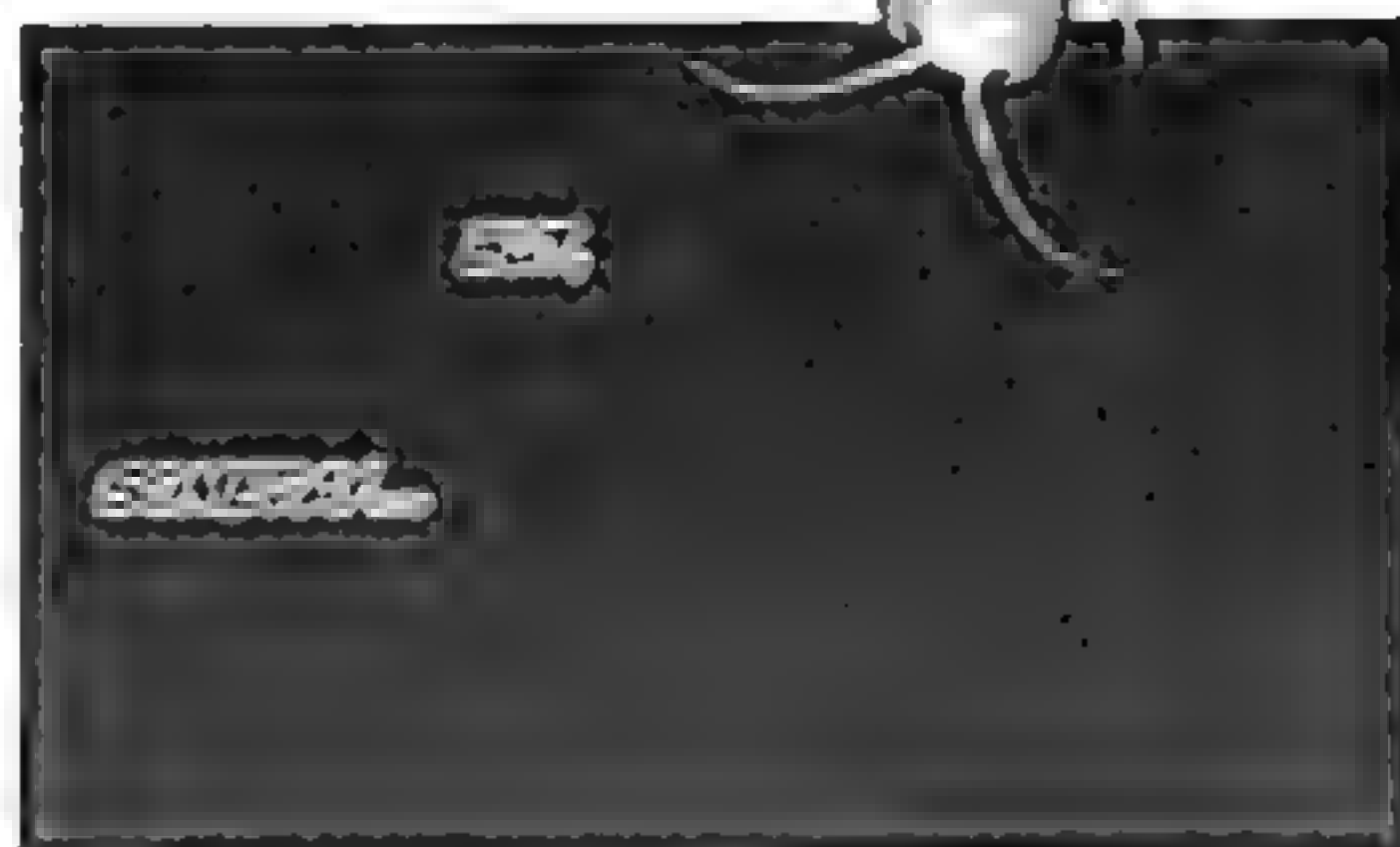


YOU CAN
TELL ME
ANYTHING.

BUT
I'M NOT
GONNA
ASK.



LET'S GO
THAT
GROUND
UP



LET'S
GO



UNTIL
SOMEDAY
WHEN I CAN
PROVE IT

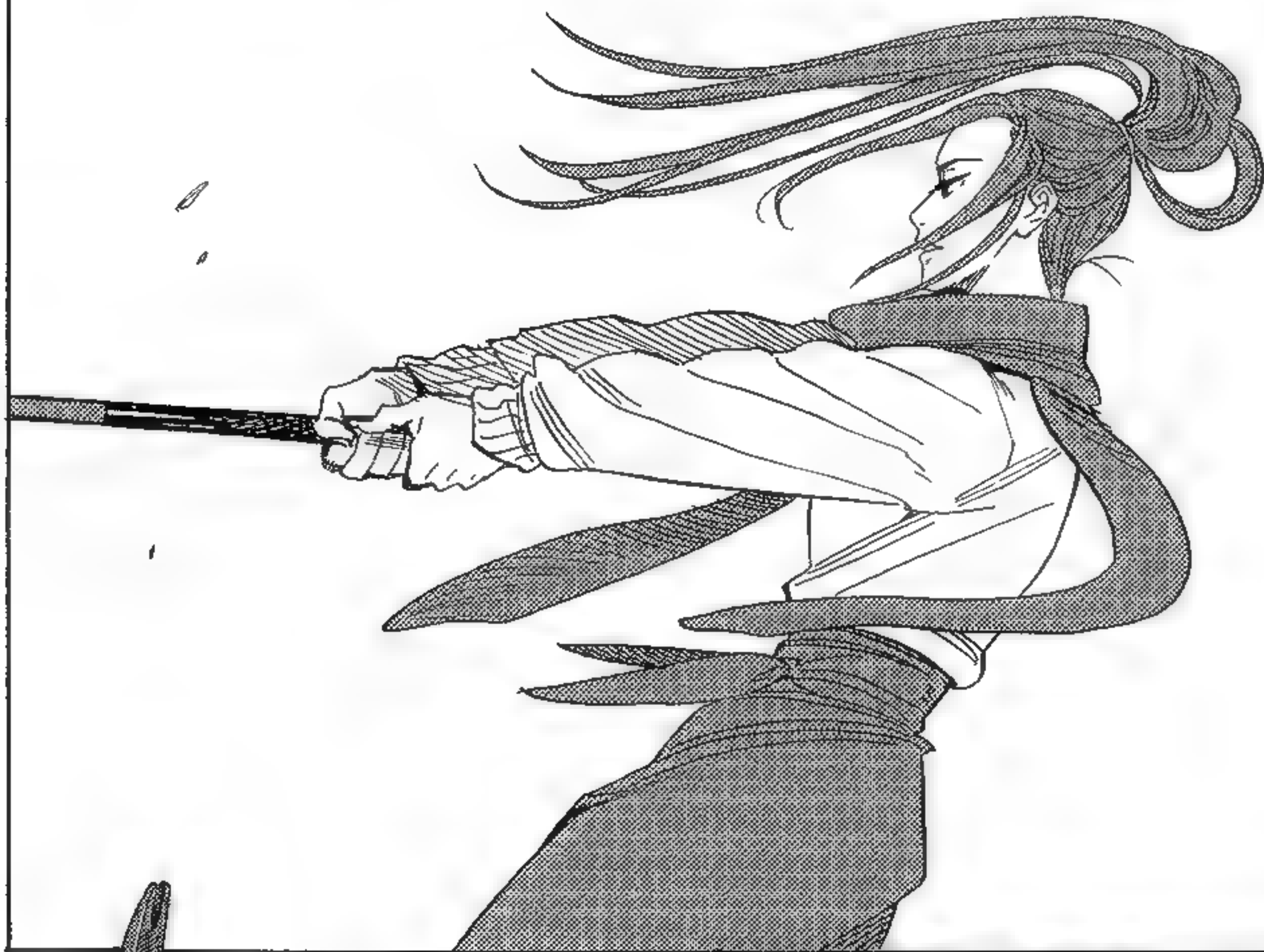
TELL
THEM

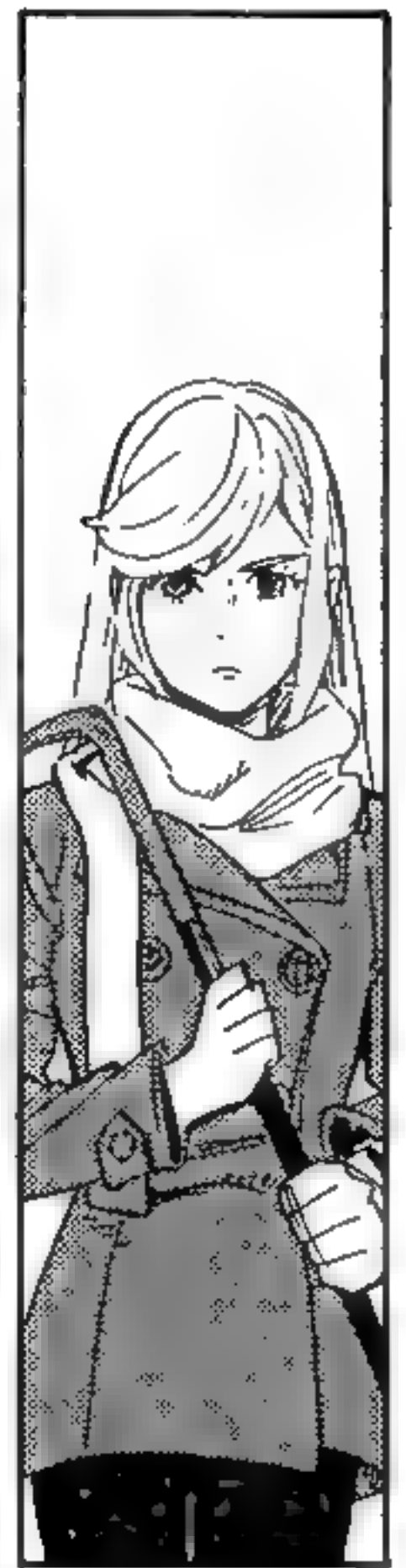
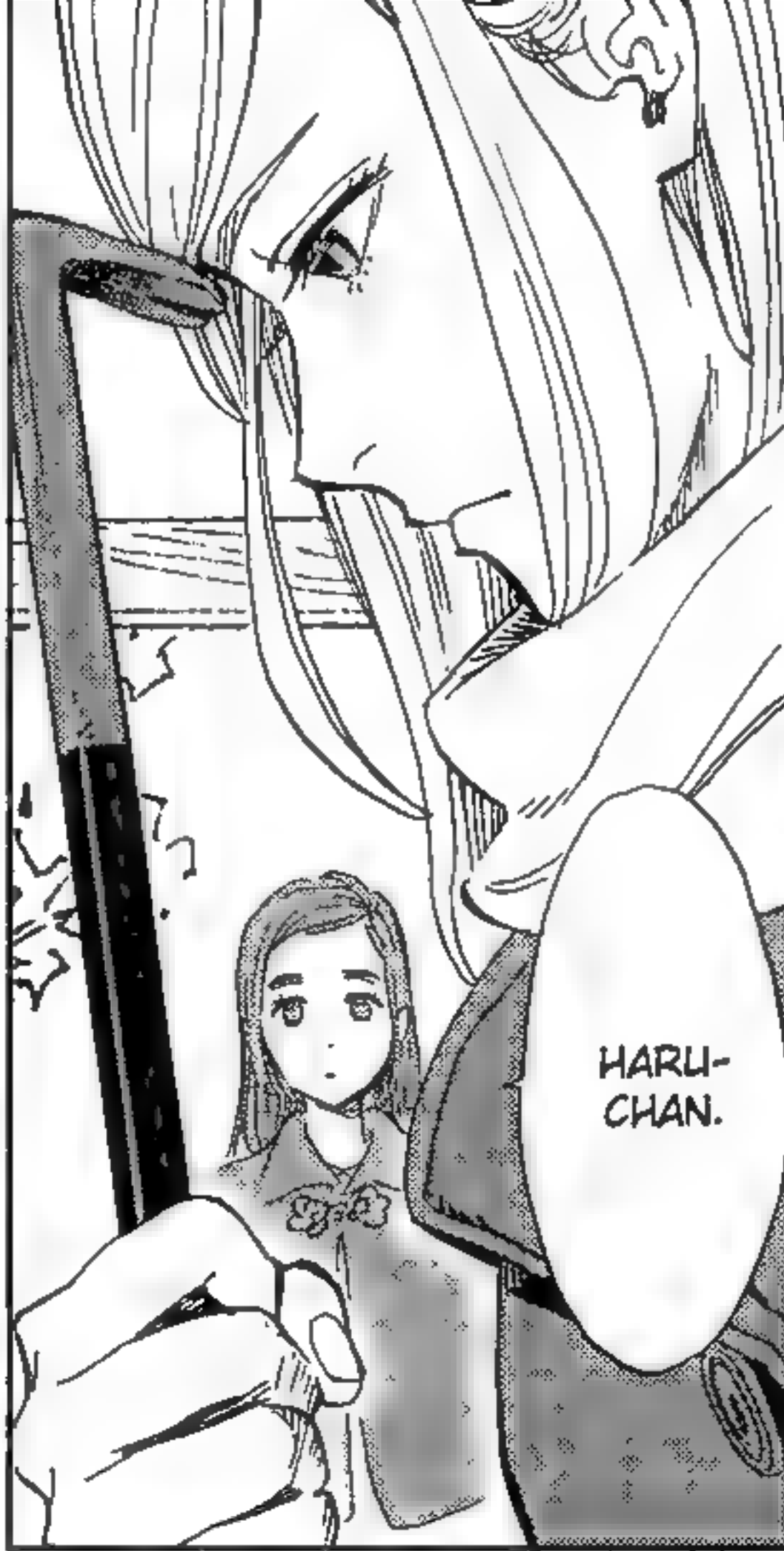




SO YOU CAN
JUST MAKE UP
FOR THE REST
OF IT LATER.

EVEN IF IT
CAN'T BE
UNDONE, IT'LL
STILL BE MORE
VENTILATED
THIS WAY,







MOM,
DAD,

I,

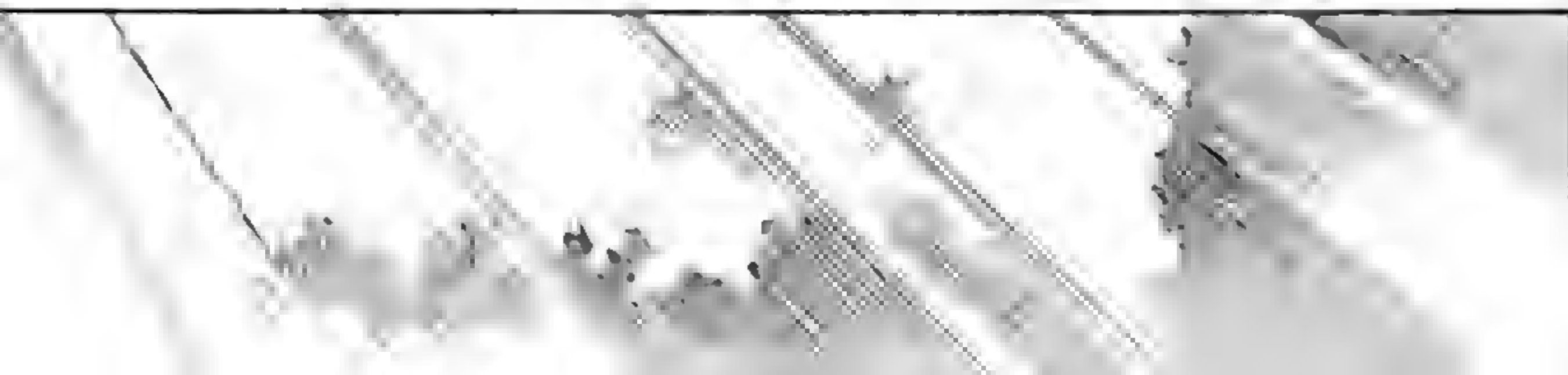
I WANT
YOU TO
KNOW
WHO
I AM
NOW.

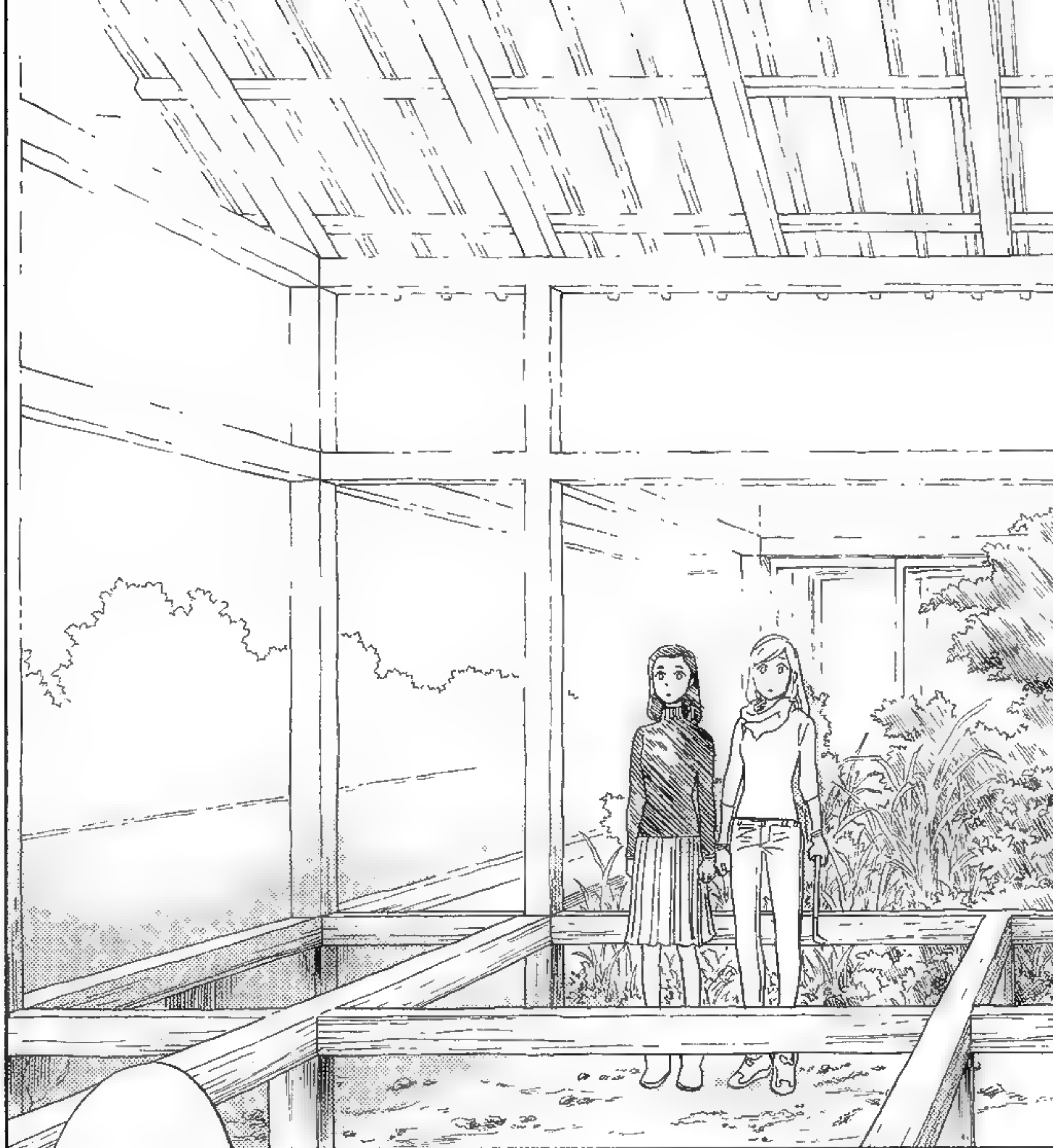
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ATTRACTED
TO WOMEN
AS A
WOMAN

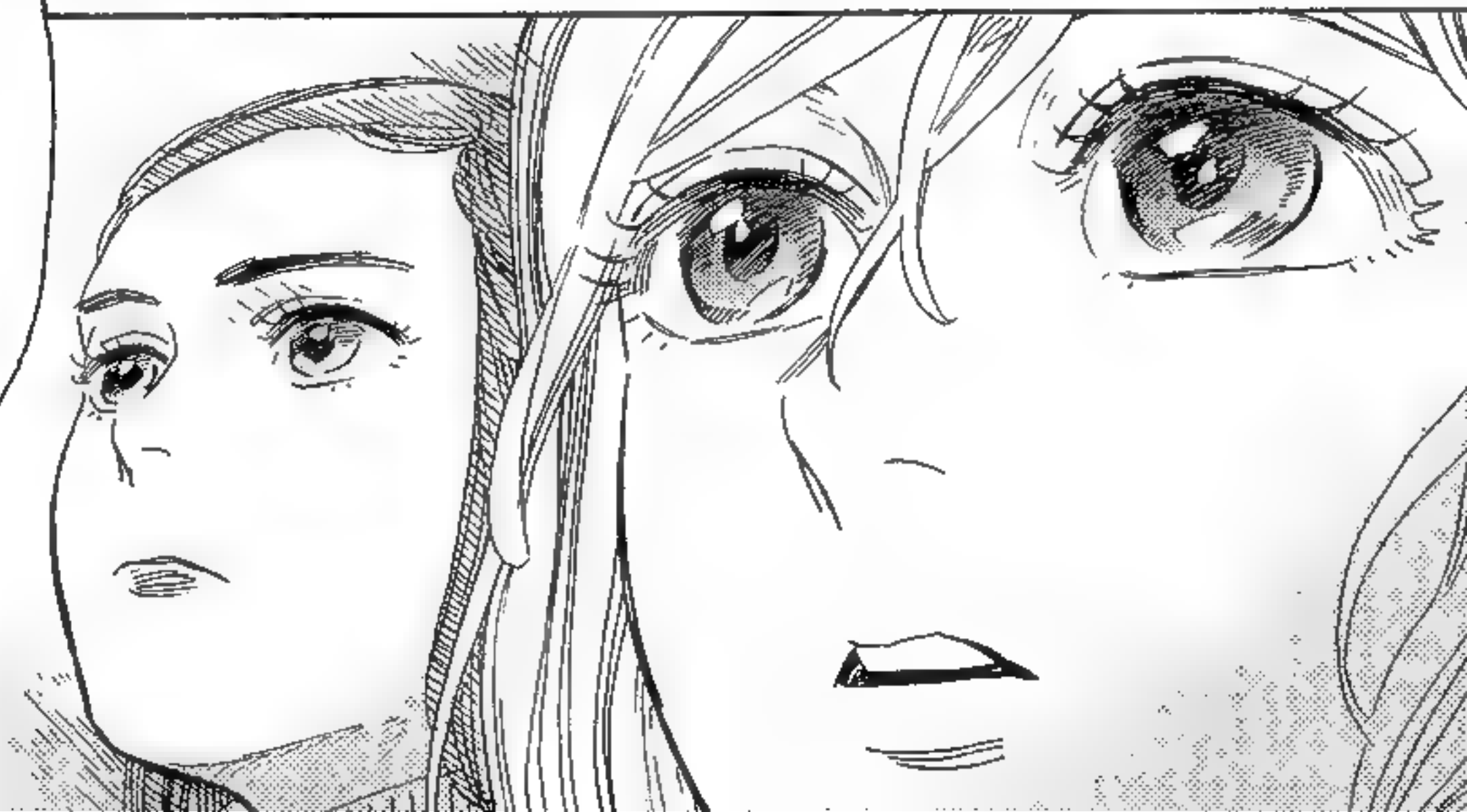
NOT
TOMORROW
OR 10 YEARS
FROM NOW.

WHO
I AM
RIGHT
NOW.





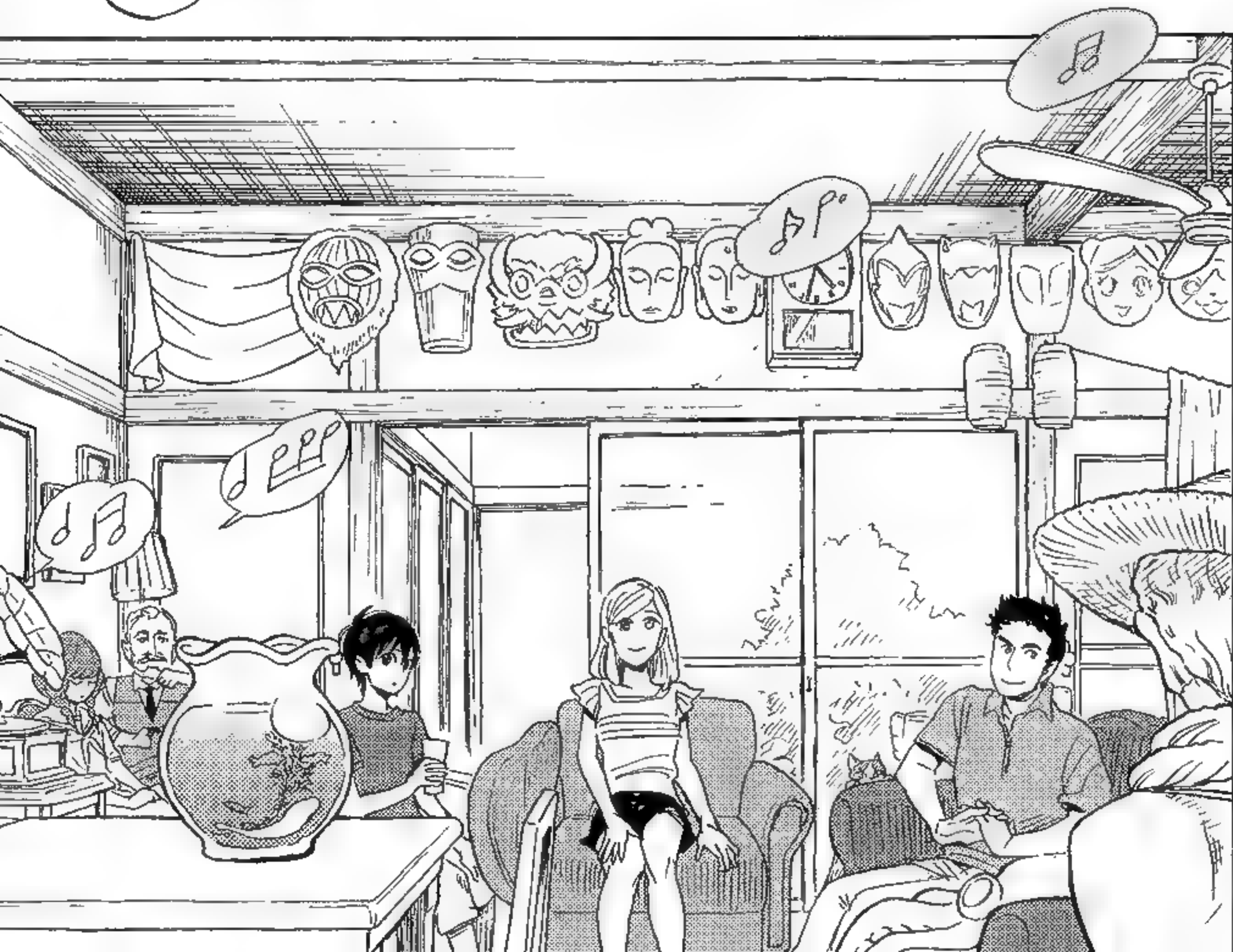
LET'S
MAKE A
LOUNGE.



A
LOUNGE...

A PLACE
THAT WON'T
REJECT
ANYONE.

A PLACE
WHERE WE
CAN SAY
WHAT WE
WANT TO
SAY RIGHT
NOW.





I WANT SAKI
AND I TO GET
MARRIED.

SOMEDAY,



SURE
ENOUGH, MY
PARENTS AND
I WERE TORN
APART AFTER
I CAME OUT,

BUT BY NOW,
WE'VE MET EACH
OTHER HALFWAY BY
EXCHANGING SOME
STANDOFFISH
EMAILS AND
PHONE CALLS.

THAT
SAID,



STUFF
LIKE THIS
IS JUST A
MATTER

OF HOW
MUCH TIME
PASSES...
PROBABLY.



.....RIED.





BUT TO
START WITH,
I JUST
DON'T HAVE
THE MONEY!

OH,
I CAN'T
WAIT!

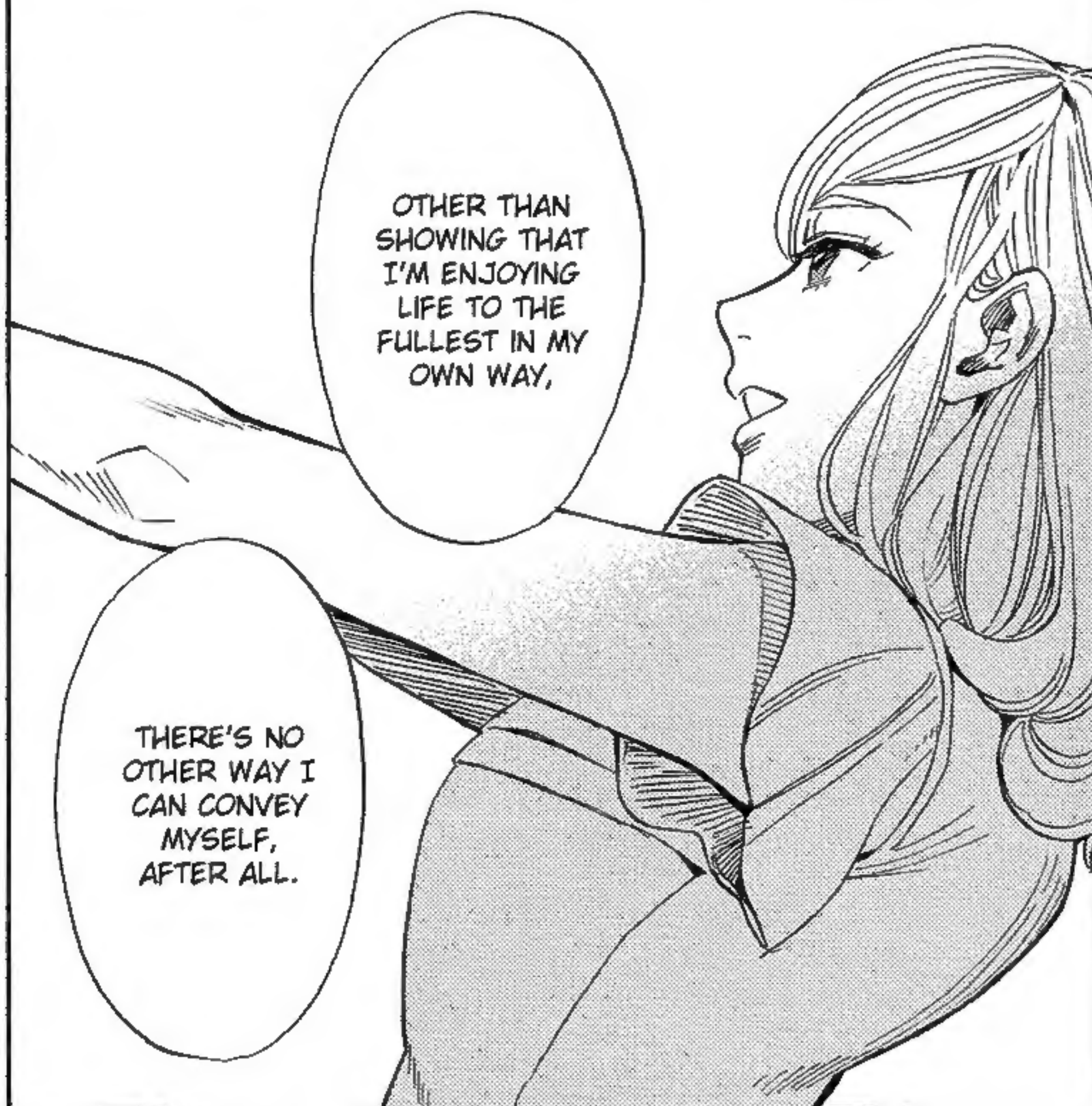
I JUST WANT
EVERYONE WHO
KNOWS US TO
CELEBRATE
WITH US.



IS THAT
WEIRD?

ITS

**NOT
WEIRD
AT ALL!**



OTHER THAN
SHOWING THAT
I'M ENJOYING
LIFE TO THE
FULLEST IN MY
OWN WAY,

THERE'S NO
OTHER WAY I
CAN CONVEY
MYSELF,
AFTER ALL.



80% OF
IT COMES
DOWN TO
ME ACTING
TOUGH.

HAHA!

I WAS
THINKING
THAT YOU'RE
AMAZING...
AND
STRONG...





When it comes to Onomichi, sloping roads, alleys, temples and cats come to mind.